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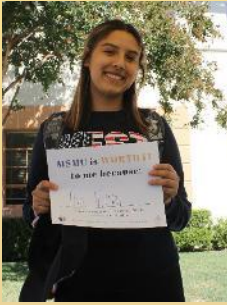
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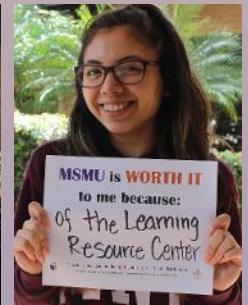
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Jared De Los Reyes, Class of 2021, is double majoring in Nursing & Film and Media. He is also double minoring in Documentary and Professional Photography. Though his studies keeps him busy, his after school activities keeps him busier. With a huge workload Jared is also the Department Specialist for Film Media and Communications.



Susan Cacique, Class of 2019, is a Psychology major who actively participates on campus. She is the Community Engagement Office Manager, Student Activities Council Chair, and Psychology Club President at Doheny. On the weekends, she volunteers with a soccer team for kids with autism and volunteers for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Why is Mount Saint Mary's University worth it to me? Easy, this university has everything I've wanted. Friends that I know I'll have for life, the knowledge I have been looking for, and the memories I'll cherish forever.

Why is this year's yearbook theme worth it? Because of Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles! The students at the Mount were eager to tell everyone why we are worth it. Students that range from Fall 2017 to Spring 2021, students from majors like Pre-nursing or nursing, journalism, film, biochemistry and more all signed up to take their photos to show off why they think the university is worth it them. Many students highlighted the fact that the Mount has given them great relationships and a lively environment to thrive in. Whether that be through their extracurricular such as clubs, friend groups, or classmates that help each other get through each semester. Mount Saint Mary's is at no deficit for comradely and students who find enjoyment in helping others. Life is all about transition and coming to MSMU was a transition of its own.

This year we asked students "what is Worth It?" to them in their lives and the responses exploded with pride and joy for MSMU. With a piece of paper and a marker students wrote away. MSMU has become more than the average college experience. Ideas and goals have become a reality for many. MSMU is because of the environment, network opportunities, orientation from the staff and so much more. For they yearbook staff this yearbook is Worth It because of the historical pin we are leaving at MSMU. Photographing and documenting events is a vital source to the MSMU legacy for we can only improve by seeing the events of the past.

By: Yearbook Staff



Jocelyn Velasquez, Class of 2019
MSMU is worth it to me because it's my second home!



Jaeden Joya, Class of 2021
MSMU is worth it to me because they're preparing me for my future.



Alyssa del a Rosa, Class of 2020
MSMU is worth it to me because you can't find this education anywhere else!



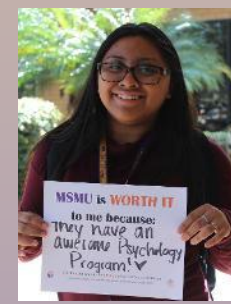
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MSMU is worth it to me because it's one of a kind!



Julia Aquino, Class of 2020
MSMU is worth it to me because they support my dreams!



Jennifer Garcia, Class of 2021
MSMU is worth it to me because it's the place that empowers women!!!



Jennifer Santos, Class of 2021
MSMU is worth it to me because they have an awesome Psychology Program!



Allie Hernandez, Class of 2020
MSMU is worth it to me because of the students and the amazing staff.

WORTH IT





EVENTS

CHALON ORIENTATION

Today is the day I begin my journey to self-discovery and adulthood. I will make new friends, discover new cultures, try different styles and most importantly, I will have tons of fun! This is the beginning of a new me.

Embracing change can often be scary, but this does not mean that one has to go through change alone. For recent high school graduates, one of the most significant changes in their life began when they arrived at Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles.

Orientation student leaders have been preparing eagerly for months. Each Orientation group leader was assigned approximately ten students. For many students at the Mount, the people they met in the O-group have become their closest friends and their O-group leader a mentor. With a full day ahead of workshops and O-group bonding, the students checked into their rooms and ushered to begin their Mount experience.

The Office of Student Finance and Business Office teamed up to give a workshop on the differences between their services and benefits provided to Mount students. The founders of the Mount, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, held a workshop for their "Serve the Dear Neighbor" mission. The CSJ's have stood alongside this mission and have committed to the education of women and serving the community for more than 350 years.

Student summer employees also had a chance to host their own

events. Stephanie Castillo, a student worker in the Student Programming and Commuter Services department, hosted the "Athenians in Your Neighborhood" commuter student social which gave first-year commuter students a chance to interact with other first-year commuters within their residential region. Arlene Valdez hosted a presentation on the upcoming Wellness Pavilion. Many enthusiastic faces appeared and cheers began as she spoke on the benefits and features the Pavilion will offer once completed.

As tradition, students each received a Fleur de Leis pin from one of the CSJs. This symbol was taken on by the CSJs and is pinned to first-year students to remind them of the Mount's foundation. With Orientation coming to a close, new parents to the Mount began to arrive and made their way to their own orientation. Similar to their students the parents had many questions. Mount representatives from various departments informed the parents on the life on campus and the security protocols taken to ensure safety at both campuses. All the questions were addressed and the parents left feeling more confident in the Mount. Welcome to the Mount Class of 2021; change awaits you!

By: Stephanie Castillo



Ashley Saca and Stephanie Rivas jokingly pretend to pose behind a camera as they bond over orientation.



During the Mass, candles were lit to symbolize a light of guidance. It is hoped that this guidance will follow them through their journey at the Mount and future endeavors.



The new students of the Class of 2021 played a game that encouraged them to interact with all the students present at Orientation. Madison Garrett gives a profile pose with her hand on her hip and lip pursed for fellow freshman Elizabeth Jaime.



Sister Mary Sevilla took a moment before the Mass to document her own memory of the incoming class of 2021.



Katie MacArthur, Chris Perez, and Allie Woollacott from O-group 5 becomes fast friends during a game of "Simon Says" or in this case, "Christine Says." They cannot hold back their laughter as they pretend to be going on a drive to Disneyland.



Bea Dimaunahan, Karla Guzman, Rebecca Sandoval, and Arlene Valdes posed right before they distributed the shirts of integration with the MSMU goal printed "Future Grads."



Director of the CSJ Institute, Shannon Green, directed the Mass dedicated to the bestowing of the Fleur de Leis.

DOHENY ORIENTATION

I will hold a union with MSMU for the years to come, and I will achieve greatness and excellence in the field of my choice. Here I lay the mark in a new beginning in my life as an undergraduate.

It was one very hot, sunny, day full of activities. Mount Saint Mary's University's Doheny Campus was excited to host and officially welcome the fresh faces of Class of 2021. College marks the start of their life as a young adult. The goal of Orientation was to help prepare the new students for the academic and social life that awaits them and support their smooth transition into the Mount.

The Orientation Leaders, composed of upper class students, were thrilled to welcome their Orientation "babies" and extend their knowledge about their college experience. By 9:00 a.m., the parking lots were full, and the Ahmanson Patio was a steady buzz of freshmen anxiously waiting for the day to start and parents inspecting their child's new surroundings while trying to capture photos. Orientation assistants stood readily available, eager to answer questions or show the freshmen where offices were located.

During the opening ceremony, the new students got a glimpse of their new lifestyle at Doheny and the things they'll be experiencing in the coming year on this beautiful inviting and historic campus which instantly feels like home. The number of students at Orientation was much smaller, but it was easier for the students to get to know one another.

Most of the student's favorite part about that day was becoming a part of something new and bigger. Continuing the wonderful tradition, the Orientation Leaders gave a Fleur de Leis pin to each of their students which symbolizes a student's entrance to the Mount. At the end of the day, the Orientation Leaders became resources, peer advisors and friends to the new students and in return, they have become the new family members of the Mount community.

By: Heaven Mella



Forming bonds and establishing connections. O-leaders, Kelsey Squire and Joshlyn Hernandez, made sure to give everyone their numbers to keep in touch during the academic school year.

Every Orientation, all the new students gather together and take one big group shot in front of the beautiful, historic Doheny Mansion.



Incoming students greeted each other as they participated in an activity from one of the workshops of the day.

Natalie Gonzalez and Ana Flores flashed the camera with their beautiful smile. Each were proud to be at orientation.

These "o-babies" were dazzling with smiles as they greeted the new step in life.

Xenia Vidal gave her group a major photo shoot as she kept snapping away with her Nikon Camera. She was very proud!

Chatting outside in the Rose Hills Plaza, students made sure to include everyone in the conversation and get to know of each others past and future plans.

COMMUTER RETREAT



Isabel Villarreal, Kimberly Nambo, and Jalyssa Aguirre presented on financial opportunities available at the Mount.

Knowledge is the key to growing confidence. Student Programming and Commuter Services enriched first-year commuter students with the inside scoop on various programs offered on campus and how to strive within their first year with ease.



After the workshop on money management, everyone who attended the retreat participated in the web trivia game called Kahoot! and used their phones as answering devices.



Commuters are not rare at Mount Saint Mary's University. In fact, there are many commuters on both the Doheny and Chalon campuses. Early Sunday, incoming commuter students made their way up to the Chalon Campus for the sixth annual Commuter Retreat. Commuter Retreat was filled with networking between students and informative workshops. There, students got to meet their mentor and get advice on how to balance work, school and other priorities. Students learned about many skills from time management to study tips to commuting options. In one of the workshops, presenters talked about self-care. The presenters took everyone's opinions in the room about what they do to practice self-care. Many students shared their definition of self-care in one word: Netflix. Presenters in another workshop, talked about gathering a support group, like friends and family. Making friends in college is essential because they can relate to similar situations you're going through or become your study or carpool buddy. One might think commuter students don't have time to participate in campus activities, but that is far from the truth. Those who commute to school are more than just commuters, and Commuter Retreat was a testament to the benefits of involvement. At the end of the day, numbers were exchanged and friendships between first-year and upper-class commuters were developed.



Student attendees sat like big eyed owls, absorbing all the information provided to ease the stress of first year university students.

Isabel Villarreal sat with her mentees and had them introduced each other to establish a connection of trust and guidance.

Right before lunch, students engaged in a Commuter Jeopardy game that consisted of questions from the workshops throughout the day.



Guest speaker, Genein Letford, spoke on the importance of perseverance of goals and dreams. She used, as example, the idea of paths and luck with a video of her as a contestant on Wipe Out!

By: Heaven Mella

WELCOME WEEK

Design: Patricia Arias
Photography: Heaven Mella



Welcome Mass

Reverend Sean Dempsey hosted the Welcome Mass at Doheny in the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel to bring the light of joy and hope to a fruitful and positive year. This Mass took place in the early afternoon to accommodate the early schedule of many students. Candles were lit to represent the spirit that is within us to guide us and protect us in this new journey at the Mount. The incoming freshman got a small special bouquet of purple flowers to symbolize a connection to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

By: Heaven Mella

During the Mass, incoming students were given a purple flower and candle. Neda Brava Leal lighted their candles. Both served as a guidance for the years to come.

History of the Sisters

Our education here at the Mount is far from easy. The establishment of this institution was no easy task either. Our establishment in 1925 was all thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. But, this story of courage and sacrifice started in the city of Le Puy, France. With the support of Father Jean-Pierre Medaille and the local bishop, the Sisters of St. Joseph were recognized by the church in 1650 establishing one of the first groups of sisters in history to serve openly on the streets meeting the needs of the people. In order to provide to the poor, sisters Françoises Eyraud, Anna Vey, Anna Brun, Marguerite Burdier, Anna Chalayer and Claudia Chastel worked in lace making. Right afterwards, they made a journey to America and traveled along Texas in services.



Sister Joan O'Dwyer guided the girls through the history of the nun that continued the legacy of the sisters that started the group and died for the cause in Le Puy, France.



Shannon Green, Director of the CSJ Institute, shared about the work in lace making the sisters did in order to make a living and give back to the community.

Their next adventure lead them to Los Angeles where they climbed the mountains of Santa Monica and established a school for all women. The University's first president was Mother Margaret Mary Brady, CSJ. It was during her term as provincial superior in 1925 that she responded to Bishop Cantwell's request to establish a Catholic women's college in Los Angeles. This school served as the foundation and support for women's education.

Our MSMU students were able to hear this from the very voices of our Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. With their humble light of wisdom, they inspired students of the benefit of adventure and courage. The beautiful display of boards gave a visual of the timeline of the history of the sisters. All the students that passed by were amused by the energy of the sisters and their enthusiasm for the love of life in service.

By: Heaven Mella

#Goals

Motivational quotes decorated the walls, colored markers were spread on the table, stickers were ready to use, and students of all years took advantage of the resources available to make planning fun. Many students in previous years shared concerns of forgetfulness due to lack of planners. Planning was slow and boring to many. Thankfully the #Goals event was established to provide information and 101 tips on how to make a planner stand out and attract our attention rather than steer



Kia Humphrey Frasier and Jocelyn Velasquez decorate their planners and fill them with stickers and decorative washi tape.



Students pulled up their syllabus on their phone and started to fill in important test dates and due dates for assignments.

away from it. Attendees decorated and wrote in their assignments from their syllabus and each of their courses.

By: Heaven Mella



Cindy Lopez makes a DIY planner for the school year using a composition notebook.

WELCOME WEEK

A week full of activities is just what I needed to feel at home. Creating a bond with my fellow peers while enjoying a smoothie or playing video games was an amazing way to spend my first week of classes here at the Mount.

Zumba & Jamba

The Welcome Week Committee hosted a Zumba session on the North Lawn next to the Mansion in the afternoon. Students stopped by and joined in for a few minutes before going their own way. It is always great to be active, even if it is just for a few minutes. Most of the students that participated in the event danced in jeans! The music and the energy of the Zumba instructor really got every one pumped up and dancing.

It was a high energy workout session of pop dance rhythms that made for a fun-filled exercise period. Afterwards, fresh fruit smoothies — the perfect snack to turn to after working up a sweat, were served. Everyone had fun dancing to infectious rhythms and specialty songs.

By: Patricia Arias



It didn't matter if no one was dressed for Zumba, everyone still had a great time dancing to the beat of the music.



The Zumba instructor gets silly but still gets everyone moving with her infectious energy.

Hike Fire Trail & Jamba

The Fitness Center coordinated a calm event to end the day, a Fire Trail hike. To lead the group on the right path was Aja Gerardo, student worker part of the Fitness Center. With the afternoon breeze setting in and the night falling, the students took advantage of the view of the cityscape at night. This event attracted all class levels. Everyone had fun challenging themselves going up steep hills. The event lasted one hour, but friendships of a life time were made. With such a huge group present that night, there were many group pictures taken with an amazing view of the Mountains as a backdrop.

By: Stephanie Castillo



A fresh and breezy afternoon greeted the students on their long hike on the Fire Trail. Aja Gerardo, student worker in the Fitness Center made sure to reassure the students they were in good hands, especially since she is CPR certified.

Mission Mindfulness

The Circle at Chalon and the Ahmanson Driveway at Doheny were stress-free zones during Welcome Week's Mission Mindfulness. Students lined up to create their own stress balls, aroma-therapy rollers, and mandala drawings. Ironically, the stress balls were stressing out a lot of students since the flour did not want to cooperate when being poured into the balloons. At one point, flour went flying into the air and covered everyone in a white cast. Everyone cracked up as they looked at themselves covered in flour. The laughs definitely helped relieve some stress. The most popular activity at both campuses, was creating the aroma-therapy rollers. Scents such as chamomile, lavender, and rosemary filled the air and created a stress-free environment for everyone around.

By: Patricia Arias

Stephanie Alcantar was careful when picking the aroma she wanted to help her de-stress during the fall 2017 academic semester.

Carsie Mendoza led by example and demonstrated to others the process to making aroma-therapy rollers



Kimberly Terrill assisted Kimberly Marquez-Brizuela in making a stress ball filled with flour.



Explore Your Era



As Welcome Week continued at the Mount, Thursday's activity consisted of a game packed evening, exploring the fun and exciting era of the 90's with a modern twist. Games, food, and music were the main attractions to the event. The students signed in and grabbed their tickets, then either went straight to the food or to play the 90's themed video games inside and outside of the game bus. Just Dance was an extremely popular game at the event. Students crowded up around the giant screens to watch the students dance battle. As the evening went on, students played with the giant sized games of either Connect Four, Chess, Checkers, or Operation. The Welcome Week giveaway this year was a MSMU pop socket for the students phones. All Mount students grabbed a Subway food box, with options of either ham, turkey, or veggie and a Capri Sun. Exploring your Era was an enjoyable night.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Fun games was a theme on Thursday where students were able to play game consoles on either the side of the game bus or inside. Giant sized lawn games of Connect Four, Chess, Twister, and so much more were enjoyed by the students.



Party Bus? No, Game Bus! Students had so much fun having access to multitude of video games and systems to de-stress and have fun. Some of these games reminded the students of sibling's and times at home.



Students played Wii outside of the game bus. Many games were available like Just Dance, Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.

Twister was one of the fan favorites that evening as it caused laughter all around the mat and established friendships.

Allie Hernandez becomes 'doctor' in a game of Operation where she carefully operates on an 'ailment' without setting the buzzer.

Mount Selfie



Mount students join in the fun to take a Mount selfie of the amazing year to come.



Jade McLaughlin and Melissa Castellano pose for their own selfie in front of the Doheny Mansion.

Pose and flash that spirit! On this day, students had the opportunity to express their various emotions of the Mount and document the good times with friends. Selfies were taken everywhere including classrooms, dorms, the cafeteria, and the Statue of Mary. The Mansion was the biggest and most popular backdrop for that perfect selfie. Everyone had something to smile about.

By: Stephanie Castillo

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

Today I get to explore the social and educational clubs of the Mount. I want to make some new friends, make plans for future experiences, and ultimately grow as a student. I'll join a few, sign up for some mailing lists, and ultimately have a great time being outside on this beautiful California day!

Doheny

The Student Involvement Fair is an annual opportunity for students to discover the organizations that make up the Mount community. It is one of the best opportunities to get involved in campus life. Student clubs and organizations set up displays which had members on site talk to visitors about what their organization does on campus. Involvement in co-curricular experiences is one of the most important parts of having a successful college career! Joining a club or organization will help students make friends, learn all about the Mount and develop invaluable skills that they will use in life beyond the university. It was a festival that included free Dippin' dots, giveaways (like tickets to Khalid's concert), music and fun! It's always a great way to recruit students to clubs, spread the word about their cause or just have a great time welcoming new and returning students to campus.



Student Activities Council (SAC) Chair, Susan Cacique at the Doheny campus is seen speaking to students who are interested in maybe joining Student Activities Council or learning about events on campus.

By: Heaven Mella



Club member, Amy Gonzales, presents the great opportunities of Latina Unidas to a potential club member.



Club members, Myah Pearson and Ciana Miranda, are excited to be representing Black Student Union at the Fair and presenting their goals for the club.



Samantha Diaz, Jocelin Mata, and Alexia Armenta, had a fun time at the AMP Radio photobooth, posing with masks on.

Chalon

Design: Patricia Arias
Photography: Patricia Arias

Although the temperatures were soaring and students were sweating through their clothes, the Student Involvement Fair provided a few hours of fun and interesting conversation for those who attended. The Dipin' dots made the perfect treat for the sweltering day, and students didn't even mind that their ice cream melted in their cups as they ate it, so long as they eventually consumed the sweet treat.

Among the beautiful booths that had been carefully decorated to lure new students into joining, the Chalon Campus was fortunate enough to have AMP Radio as they hosted the event with great Summer hits and amazing raffle prizes. One student won two Day N' Night tickets, another won a One Republic concert ticket! All in all it was a great start to a memorable year.

By: Ashley Hutchinson



Sigma Beta Delta members Karla Guardado-Segura, Viviana Martinez, Stephanie Leon and Daisy Espino arrive in their outstanding outfits, the put-together club encourages professional attire with sequins.

Rebecca Prompichai, Kristina Torres, and Erin Vicente pose in front of their 90's theme Pangkat booth!



SGA members pose in front of the AMP Radio booth and throw up some cute hand gestures to show they're having a great time.



Elizabeth Shokoya, Natalie Garcia, Brytanya Le and Nicole Siryj, who are in Sakura Society, are decked out in their themed outfits to encourage students to sign-up and join their fun club!

Kappa Delta Chi members crowd around their insignia while they work to recruit new members during the fair.



By finding an energy drink, Viviana Martinez was able to secure two Day N' Night tickets.

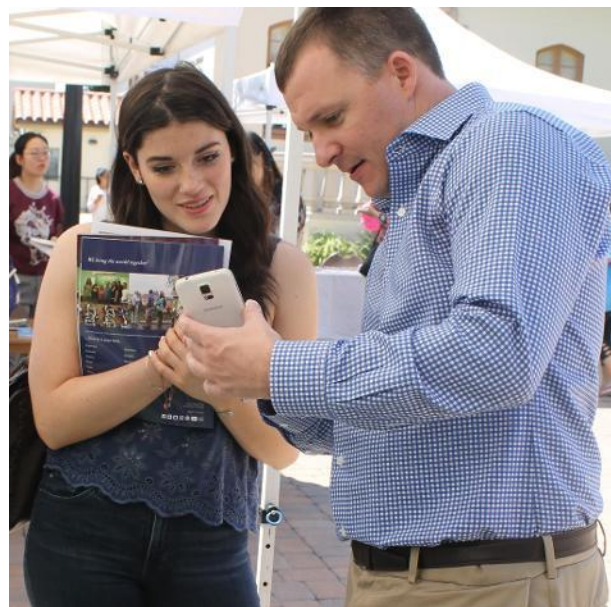
Sophomore Political Science student, Carsie Mendoza, won the raffle for a Coldplay show that night.

Jennifer Dorado and Justine Hsiao were giving away KIND bars and a Counseling and Psychological Services and Student Health Services card with information on their offices and programs they offer to our students.

Chinese exchange students set up a table to show students the different universities that they can apply to in China.



Michella Mousaed spoke to a crowd of about her experience studying abroad. She visited Spain and learned a lot about the people and the culture. It was one of her most fulfilling experiences in her college career.



Georgia Aguilar listened to a representative about going abroad and he even showed her pictures of when he visited.

MARY'S BIRTHDAY

Campus Ministry brought out a delicious white birthday cake with butter cream frosting to celebrate Saint Mary. Birthday candles were lit and everyone in the Circle sang "Happy Birthday".



Students lined up to receive a piece of the delicious birthday cake and a flyer with information on the importance of Saint Mary. It also had a small prayer for the students to recite whenever they are feeling overwhelmed.



Along with the cake, Campus Ministry also had a photobooth set up next to Mary's statue. Many students held up the handmade "Happy Birthday" poster and posed next to Mary. For many Mount students Mary is a symbol of female empowerment and it is a wonderful thing to celebrate her.



The celebration of Saint Mary's Birthday is celebrated every year at the Chalon Campus. Campus Ministry is in charge of organizing the celebration of the Virgin Mary with birthday cake, balloons and snacks for the students. The cake was a classic vanilla flavor with butter cream frosting. Before cutting into the cake, everyone in the Circle sang the Happy Birthday song to honor Saint Mary on her day.

There was also a prayer that Gaile Krause, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, recited out loud which asked for the health and continuous prosperity of Mount Saint Mary's University. Campus Ministry provided students with various activities, including Instagram friendly photo props to tag and share the event through social media.

By: Patricia Arias

STUDY AWAY FAIR

Design: Patricia Arias
Photography: Patricia Arias

To explore the world is to gain knowledge. The best education you will ever get is by traveling to places unknown and gathering experiences. Having the opportunity to meet different people with different cultures than my own is an experience I will always treasure.

On September 7, 2017 the Study Away Fair was held in the Circle. Study Away organizations such as Study Abroad CEA, AIFS, and IPSL had their booths set up for students to see. Information about studying in places such as France, Spain, Chile, Japan, China, and many other countries was given to our curious Mount students with hopes of broadening their horizons. Studying abroad is a great way of getting to learn about different cultures and traditions all while getting an amazing education at well-known Universities. Although it was a very hot day, cold healthy refreshments kept everyone hydrated

and ready to explore new possibilities. The Chinese exchange students program also held a table displaying pamphlets to the different universities students can apply for in China. Study away representatives were extremely helpful in directing students to a program that best fit their majors or interests. The Study Away Fair definitely inspired some of our Mount students to explore new possibilities.

By: Patricia Arias



Study Abroad representative speaks with a student about possibly visiting Costa Rica to expand her knowledge of the Spanish language.



As a vocal prayer, choir singer, Julie Tapia leads and invites everyone to sing along with her during Mass.



Na Pua O Ka'Aina performed their traditional dance to show a union in ethnicities and traditions through a common religion.



The choir, led by Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Laura Gomez, sing many joyful hymns as expression for the community's love of God at the Mass.



Holy Communion. President Ann-McElaney Johnson and Father Dempsey are breaking the bread symbolizing the body of the Lord for the Eucharist.

MASS

Design: Brianna Mendez
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Pauline Mikhail

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I couldn't help but feel so incredibly blessed. From everyone wearing red to dancing to breaking the bread I knew that I was going to feel happy all day, and I did feel happy.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a centuries-old tradition of Catholic higher education, originating with the very first great European universities of the middle ages. Mount Saint Mary's University's annual Mass of the Holy Spirit was held at St. Vincent de Paul Church for the second year in a row. The Chalon and Doheny campuses came together as one to celebrate and pray for the new school year. Students, staff and faculty were urged to wear red as a sign of respect for the Holy Spirit.

Father Dempsey lead Mass with beautiful verses as he read the Bible and spoke to the congregation about the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Church goers from the community, students, staff and faculty from both the Doheny and Chalon campus, enjoyed the event as the hour went by too quickly. Senior, Annette Vellurattil, described the Mass as, "a sweet and thoughtful way to calm the students before the craziness of the year continues on," she said as she finished praying for a wonderful senior year.

Following the mass, the entire congregation attends a luncheon outside on the North lawn of the Doheny campus with music, great food, drinks, and wonderful conversations as everyone sat around tables and chatted as the afternoon went by.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Father Dempsey read the introduction prayer to his Homily about the importance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Angelica Frias and Lizbeth Galvez gave flower bouquets to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to show appreciation for their exceptional service and devotion to God and the Mount Community.

MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT

As the heat wave came to an end, the students of the Mount became restless in their living situations from the lack of AC in the dorm rooms. Students took this as an incentive to bring out their student organizing abilities and start a petition to bring AC's to the dorms. Dean Laura Crow and President Ann McElaney-Johnson announced an impromptu meeting in the Student Lounge to discuss the issues that the students were facing at the Mount. As students talked and let out their frustrations, the two graciously listened and sympathized. By the end of the the hour and a half, plans and actions were discussed to help make Mount Saint Mary's University a place where everyone can be happy.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Students surrounding Dean Crow and President Ann McElaney-Johnson seizing the opportunities to be heard.



President Ann McElaney-Johnson and Dean Crow speaking to students in the Student Lounge about the continuing issues with the wifi and the excessive heat in the dormitories.

WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR COMMUTERS



After class ended, hungry commuters were excited to see the free breakfast from Noah's Bagels waiting for them outside.



Kimberly Nambo marks where she commutes from to school on the map.

Commuters are always on the go and often times they forget to eat breakfast. They are usually in a rush to get to campus early for their classes. Student Programming and Commuter Services hosted a free Welcome Breakfast for Commuter students to start the semester off right at the Rose Hills Plaza. Starting at 8:30 a.m. there was already a line for breakfast. Noah's Bagels, coffee from Starbucks, and juice was served. Everyone who attended also received Holy Water from Campus Ministry as a welcome gift. There was a little map of the greater Los Angeles area that students could place a mark indicating where they commute from. It was a way for the department and other students to know where the majority of the students commute from and learn who commutes from the same area. Through the event, commuters were able to meet other commuters from their area that they could possibly commute with and become friends.

By: Heaven Mella

GAME DAY WITH SAC



SAC Chair Susan Cacique along with fellow SAC members Melissa Castellanos and Kimberly Ganivet greeted students at the event.



Uno Attack! Jennifer Garcia is forced to draw a card from the deck.

The Student Activities Council (SAC) hosted a Game Day in front of the Mansion at the Doheny campus. There was Jenga, Giant Spoons, Uno, chess and much more. Free popcorn was also served! At the event, students were able to meet the new and returning members of SAC and meet fellow students. It was a fun element to the typical lunch break and allowed for students to break away from the studies temporarily to participate in small, friendly competitions and have a great time. SAC is responsible for campus-wide traditions at the Mount such as Dive-In Movie, Doheny Lighting, Spring Bash, and Spirit Week. SAC also communicates with the student body to translate any concerns to the executive leaders of the University.

By: Heaven Mella

HEALTH FAIR

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Students test their smarts with the wheel of health. This was a chance for everyone to check just how good their trivia skills were of all the information they learned at the fair.

Many Athenians pick from the many free prizes and learn facts about eating right and sleeping well.

Students at the Mount use the photo booth after learning all of the information the fair provided. The booth is supposed to get students to realize how healthy they are.

Excitement circulated around in the Administration Lawn for the annual Health Fair hosted every year by the Health Services Office. This year's raffle prize is a fitbit.



Students check in and received a free Health Fair bag to carry with them as they visited booths. Each booth shared the importance of health and what you can do to stay healthy in every part of your life.

Alison Halperin helped students play the wheel of questions where they got to learn different health problems and what to do if there is a scare.



The Health Fair was gracious enough to teach me about every day illnesses, how they became, and what I can do to prevent them especially as an undergraduate student.

Have you ever felt sick or had questions about your health and needed answers? If so, the Health Fair was the place to be! The Health Fair featured different campus departments informing students of ways to protect themselves when they are in a social environments, when they are feeling anxious, when involved in romantic relationships and sleeping habits. Two of the seven booths that happened to be at the Health Fair were Counseling and Psychological Services, to teach us about our mental health and where to go get help, and Health Services, where they tested us on our knowledge of STDs, physical illness, pap smears, and so much more. Other departments that were there include Campus Security, to teach us that driving under the influence isn't safe, Sports and Wellness to teach us about our sleeping habits and so much more.

By: Pauline Mikhail

Excited individuals rock their provided swag bags as they walk towards Hannon Theater to attend the opening keynote speech.



I wake up, and get ready for the day. Today is the annual Women's Leadership Conference! I can't wait to bond with women from all stages of life as we listen to influential seminars and get to view the Mount in a new way.

The Women's Leadership Conference was an amazing experience and a privilege to those fortunate enough to attend. The day kicked off at 8:30 am in the morning with a breakfast composed of sweet treats like scones and yogurt, and much to the appeasement of all the early birds present, coffee! Many students were able to pull themselves from their luring beds to hear amazing speeches and seminars from powerful women ranging from film production to academia.

Three booths dedicated to empowering and guiding young women were present that Saturday, when asked for one word to describe their campaign they said, "lead!", "ignite!", and "engaged!" Emerald Archer, the opening keynote speaker for the event united the

women in the room with a beautiful speech on "the Women's Leadership Conference being an opportunity to come together, inspire, and support each other." This opening earned rounds of applause as women found strength in their peers and mentors. But, what makes The Women's Leadership Conference "worth it?," so to speak. Archer proceeded to say that the point was to, "develop one actionable study that you can implement in the workplace to help other women". The implied theme of women empowerment was present in the air as students moved from seminar to seminar throughout the day. Seminars were held to discuss bias in the workplace and how we can combat this and how women can find strength in other women and themselves as they go through rough

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP



Bright, enthusiastic students take off their formal masks and bring out their authentic smiles, showing just how unstoppable the women at the Mount are.



Smiling students wrap each other in encouraging embraces for a picture against the themed backdrop, enjoying the bright Saturday and its' amazing events.

A group of Mount Saint Mary's students braved the early morning and give the camera a bright smile that encourages the attitudes and moods of all who attended the conference with them.

Influential women appear on stage as they provide insightful advice and encouragement to those willing to listen and apply it to their own lives.

Speaker, Mallika Chopra, gives a moving seminar speech about finding what you're passionate about, and pursuing it as if it's your destiny.

President Ann McElaney-Johnson rally the metaphorical troops with a beautiful speech that sets the tone and pace for the rest of the speakers fortunate enough to be present at the 2017 conference.



times. President Ann McElaney-Johnson, even gave some Mount history as she described the resilience of the founders; she proceeded to say that we can, "see through the eyes of the sisters or the eyes of the way," yet we, "choose the way of the sisters," who paved the road for female education to be inclusive and inspirational.

The speakers included Danielle Harlan, who redefines alpha, to Ann Lee, the producer of Dear White People, students were met with working women in nearly every industry who were able to offer insightful advice and information to those pursuing certain career paths after college.

One of the overwhelming messages of the day was to stop pretending so much, it is exhausting and not as fun as just being yourself. Another

message was to not shy away from things that scare you; instead use fear to motivate you and learn to trust yourself!

The entire day was "worth it" for everyone present, largely in part of the amazing speakers who were able to come share their wisdom with the Mount. Ultimately, the event was one for the books, or maybe the yearbook, as it inspired and motivated nearly all who attended to do better, be better, and think female.

By: Ashley Hutchinson

CONFERENCE

Winners of the Night

These ladies did a wonderful job at not only performing their favorite songs but also an original of theirs.

Tanya Nguyen and Krystal QuemQuem won fourth place.

Tanya Nguyen
Krystal QuemQuem



Pre-nursing students, each performed separately but share third place together.

Isabel Flores
Kent Robins
Amy Nguyen



Amy Nguyen and Kent Robin on the guitar sang a touching duo of a top pop hit.



Emcee, Aimee Hernandez, hilariously asked a trivia question before moving onto the next performer.



Freshman, Dana Gil, beautifully performed her own written poem to the audience.



Performer, Anabel Silvestre, performed beautifully as she sang a cover for the song Stitches by Shawn Mendes.



Dana Gil who is a resident at the Chalon campus and a freshman English major, won second place.

Dana Gil



Performer, Irish Degorio, won first place on her chilling and beautiful performance covering her favorite song.

Irish Degorio

MOUNT'S GOT TALENT

The night was fun and eventful. I got to enjoy myself and just listen to people's poems, songs, and stories. I took a break from studying that night, and I was not disappointed.

Mount Saint Mary's University's, Student Programming and Commuter Services hosts the annual Mount's Got Talent at the Chalon campus. This year's show was held at the Campus Center Plaza. It was beautifully lit with string lights, and its stage was located right in front of a beautiful view of the Los Angeles city. Chairs were so filled to the fullest of capacity that students had to find seating near the stairs. There was a table sweetly decorated with candy for students to build candy bags, pinwheel wraps were offered, fresh popcorn, and beverages like lemonade and water to quench the thirst. Emcees, Aimee Hernandez and Annalie Franco, hilariously took turns offering prizes to trivia winners right before they announced the next act up to the stage. Students of all majors and

grade levels stood in front of their peers and recited their poems, sang their covers, played their guitars, and last minute entries made the crowd laugh, go in a frenzy, and even sit there in awe. Before the end of the night after the winners were awarded their prizes, the mic was open to the audience and students felt so comfortable by the audience that they continued on with the show until late into the night.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Friends Elizabeth Shokoya, Natalie Gayles, and Natalie Garcia posed together at the photo booth enjoying each other's company and the music.



Tanya Nguyen & Krystal QuemQuem sang a compilation of their favorite songs and added a personal touch by adding their own original lyrics.



Isabel Flores sang with friend Kent Robin with the guitar to a smooth melody of inspiration and love.

ATHENIAN DAY

I'm pumped and ready. I will win; I will succeed for my team. I will give all my strength and positive energy to cheer on my team. I will be the best cheerleader for Athenian Day.

Frosty toes and shivering bodies arrived on Saturday, September 30, 2017 to the annual Athenian Day. The event was hosted at the Fitness Center by Autumn Johnson, Director of Sport & Wellness and the Wellness Manager, Alison Halpern. The theme revolved around Beach California Fun which called for an added twist to the games with the inclusion of the pool.

As the tradition entails, the teams were given a moment to showcase their spirit and present their team theme. The Athenian Alums made a splash for the ages showing off their land surfing skills and cool hip hop moves. The Baywatch, brought out laughter as they started their skit in slow motion just as the life guards in the famous movie *Baywatch* from 1989 and 2017. The Iwatobi team cooked up a dance routine as seen in the Japanese anime *Free!*.

To start things off the teams were kept together for the first three games then were separated to tackle two rounds of four games each. The first game was Coconut and Water. In this game, students had to chose whether they use a coconut or water balloon to fill their bucket

under the time limit of one minute.

Shark and a Cup was next teams had to use the shark shaped water guns the teams had to push the cup along a string as far as they could. For the following games, the winning teams were: Frisbee toss won by Wellness Whales, Arm Wrestle won by The Believers, Limbo: won by Jade MC, Ava Rutler, Gabby Ballesteros, Vanessa Gonzalez, Water Balloon Toss won by Woman's Basketball and Wellness Whales, Water Raft won by Iwatobi.

The top three teams that tallied up the most points for the games were: The Believers, Iwatobi, and in third place Wellness Whales. The spirit award was awarded to the team demonstrating a well rounded support towards other teams and cheered enthusiastically for their team mates and fellow competitors. The team that took home the great honor of most spirited was Iwatobi! Overall, the day was filled with friendly competition and uplifting fun, and everyone took home a customized event shirt.

By: Stephanie Castillo



The Fitness Center referees got a chance to prove themselves at the games too by having a few friendly rounds of arm wrestling.

Lluvia Valenzuela and Xena Peña from the Sunny Campers, tried their hardest to make sure their raft floated the most and carried them to the finish line.

Andrea Loyola pushed with a breeze, along with SGA Princesses. They definitely showed they're a team to fear as their hair flowed effortlessly during the Truck Push.



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Photography: Stephanie Castillo



Members from the Baywatch team try their best to pass the coconut along to fill their bucket with the most water but funny expressions were inevitable.

Paola Castillo from the Iwatobi team test her skills at Frisbee toss representing her team, but unfortunately the Frisbee missed the holes.



President of SGA Rebecca Sandoval limbos her way to the final 10. Her smile shows support and enthusiasm.

The Believers strong woman, Alexandra Guardado, won the overall tournament for arm wrestling. Everyone was impressed and proud.



Madison Garrett from the Sunny & Cool team competed in the Shark Water Gun competition. The one to move the cup the farthest won.

The Iwatobi team poses proud and with bright spirits to start the games while being supportive of their fellow team rivals.



Winners of Athenian Day are the Believers team! Along with the honor of being winners, they got to celebrate at California Pizza Kitchen as a team.

The spirit was evident with the Iwatobi team and their enthusiastic team member, Elizabeth Shokoya. Since the beginning of the day their enthusiasm for each other and fellow team competitors was present and genuine. They earned the Spirit Award and got to celebrate their win at California Pizza Kitchen.

HOMEcoming

2017



Smiling attendees of the Homecoming event pose together as they prepare for an exciting day of memories and plans to improve the Mount.



Past Alumni hold candles in the chapel for the Homecoming Mass as they reminisce on a time when they attended the Mount and found strength in unity.



Campus Ministry offers communion and blessings over all who attended Mass, hoping to spread positivity and love for those who needed a reminder that Mount Saint Mary's is still a home to them.

Come one, come all! From the moment Mount Saint Mary's opened its doors, I've had a home! I can't wait to see old classmates, share some fun stories, and be back where it all started, MSMU!



Mount sisters of Class of '54 smile with their past classmates and associates as they enjoy the banquet set out for them.



Graduates of the Mount Saint Mary's family group together and share a smile with current staff for the camera while waiting to see what the highly anticipated meal is.

As students, we'll remember the Mount the way we saw it when we attended the school. We'll remember our friend groups, favorite activities on campus, and hopefully have some crazy stories to tell in our future someday. At the homecoming event on Saturday, October 14, 2017, graduated members of the Mount's community were able to return and share stories with current students about their time attending Mount Saint Mary's. Mary Durando, Class Ambassador of 1972 and Sharon Schmidt, also another member of Class of '72, have been friends for 49 years, and their friendship started at the Mount. Both students were Nursing majors, however, Schmidt switched to working as an Attorney and Durando still works as a member of Nursing Staff in the Stanford Medical Center. During their four years here, they saw the L.A. earthquake of '71, missed class because of intense mudslides and flooding when it rained for two weeks straight. They had to brave a rickety old set of wooden stairs to get to their classes lower on the hill. Yet, they said they absolutely adored their time on campus, even though transportation was limited. Both women agreed that they were never at a lack of activities between their friend group. The Mount would hold school dances, inviting Northridge, Loyola, UCLA, and USC for an enjoyable night of the best 70's music and attire. Ultimately, the Mount holds importance to new and past students who have the opportunity to create their own stories and class traditions.

By: Ashley Hutchinson



The Alumnae Association awards Mount Saint Mary's University with \$359,000 as past alumna applaud the bright future the Mount holds.



Mount Saint Mary's own Ballet Folklorico club entertain the observant and excited returning guests as they sit down, enjoying snacks and each other's company.

Melissa Castellanos and Kimberly Ganivet pass out candy to all the sweet kids having a good time with the games and fantastic decorations.

The decorations were the talk during the event and also the center for photographs especially the giant inflatable cat. Alejandrina Hernandez and Mia Garcia made sure to add this picture to the social hub.

Some Hispanic culture made its view on Halloween with the classic game Loteria with La Chalupa, worn by Susan Cacique.

Karen Rodriguez gets spooked by a ghoul at the Haunted Doheny house.

Campus Ministry staff Daisy Quintana, Mount Alum Flor Ordonez and Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Gaile Krause pose with their costumes proud and ready to see the neighborhood.

Gabriela Quintanilla (Steam Punk fairy) and Jocelyn Vasquez (Gryffindor student) passed out candy in front of Building 7.



HAUNTED CAMPUS

Halloween is a night filled with creepy ghouls and goblins, but I sure felt safe and welcomed at the 28th Annual Doheny Haunted Campus event!



Floating with Pennywise the clown made a comeback this 2017 and a secret trick-o-treater made sure it was not forgotten dressed up as the mutilated Georgie in the film.

You'll float too... Ghouls and monsters from all around Los Angeles gathered at the spookiest place in town, The Doheny Mansion. Since 1989, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet initiated what would become a tradition on Halloween for the next 28 years. The first year the sisters gave out candy to a little over 100 people.

The sisters did not anticipate that they had to make constant trips to Ralphs to purchase more candy. Fast forward 28 years later and we have the biggest crowd recorded since last year. According to the LAPD it was estimated that a total of 12,000 people showed up. From children to adults everyone dressed up and came out to have a good time. The Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Maryann Nguyen has been involved in

coordinating the event for the past eight events alone and it's exceptional. Hands down a successful traditional event that grows more with each coming year. The Mount students and staff gathered 20,000 pounds of candy for the event and within the first 2 hours of the event the candy was near its last 2 pounds. Many activities were planned to ensure the fun and spook was present. There was a maze, dance competition and costume contest. With three age categories (0-3, 4-9, 9-12) the top costume winners were an ice cream truck, claw machine and Pac-man.

Many parents of the kids are really branching out and exploring unique costumes to make sure that the uniqueness is present. Maryann this year noticed the presence of second generation children from the men and women that attended this event when they were young with their families. With the families and generations growing it is evident that in the years to come this event will be one of the most prominent in Los Angeles for kids to come and enjoy a safe Halloween.

By: Stephanie Castillo



Here to add some spice to Halloween lives is Jade McLaughlin.

The ghostly dead rise from below to give kids from the Los Angeles community spooky body art.

Bloody hungry dead haunted the Doheny Mansion and spooked all that entered the terrifying maze.



Scooby and Velma are here to solve the paranormal mystery of the haunted Doheny campus.

All glitterized, Unicorn buddies, Sylvia Lopez and Valeria Quiroz bring smiles to the children.

GRADUATE FAIR

Thanks to the help of the representing advisement team, graduate Fair was a fun and great experience. I got to see all my favorite schools, learn more about schools I didn't know existed and learn about financial aid.

The Chalon campus held their annual Graduate School Fair on a bright and sunny day. Graduate schools like UCLA, USC, Antioch University in Los Angeles, and Azusa Pacific University, Cal State universities like Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Northridge, and many more also attended the fair for the current undergraduates at the Mount. Students were able to get any and all information about going to their dream schools. All the graduate school representatives were so open to questions and really made the students feel comfortable with asking a range of questions.



Soon to finish, senior student spoke to a representative from UCLA on the various programs offered by the Graduate Admission office.



Marlene Simon, Director of Career Services and Internships spent a few minutes to talk with a representative at the fair.



Mount students stop to talk to a USC representative about their programs.

Northwestern University was one of the schools to go above and beyond by staying over their time with an enthusiastic journalism student. The representative made the student comfortable by cracking jokes about the entertainment and the fashion industries since the student was most interested in those fields. By the end of the event, students left feeling more comfortable and confident in knowing where they might apply.

By: Pauline Mikhail

MAJOR AND MINOR WORKSHOP

On September 27, 2017, the Academic Advisement Office hosted a workshop on the various majors and minors offered at MSMU and how they might impact life differently based on interests. Jaime Wood, Director of Academic Advisement, started the workshop with asking each attendee the current major in mind, the majority were undecided. With most of the audience filled with freshmen, the

staff members had the flexibility to discuss all majors. Towards the end of the meeting, the students were asked again what major they are leaning towards and a couple more students had an idea of what to.

By: Stephanie Castillo

A fellow Intern presented an activity that can help present features one possess that may help with degree searching.

Jaime Wood, Director of Academic Advisement, initiated the meeting introducing some interns and staff. Then continued on to presenting a powerpoint about various majors students may pursue at the Mount.

Marlene Simon, spoke on the services that she provides as the Director of Career Services & Internships office, including the four different tests to help identify the specific traits one possesses.



WISH SYMPOSIUM

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The symposium has really helped me and many others learn about the different research opportunities on campus as well as the impact it has towards the big picture of environmental and healthcare research.

In the midst of mid-semester break, the Women in Science and Health (WISH) club hosted its annual scientific symposium on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Every year, starting in the summer, students engage in research projects sponsored by each professor in the Biological and Chemistry departments that strive to endorse potential future discoveries.

Students have the option of presenting their work through a presentation or a poster. Some of the top topics in the presentation session of the symposium included, IAPP essay examination, Bromide reactions, Oxidative damage, putative redox reactions in Green Tea and so much more. The symposium facilitator Melissa Martinez provided a presentation of her own on the research she is currently involved with the help of her P.I. Dr. Cizmezian. After rigorous questions from the professors, which challenged their knowledge in the subject they are studying, the professors and the audience applauded the presenters. The merits achieved on that day added to the experience for our future scientists.

By: Stephanie Castillo



The WISH team represented and proud of their successful symposium along with Adviser Dr. Sylvine Deprele.



Elizabeth Shokoya worked alongside Dr. Sylvine Deprele on the Synthesis of Hypophosphite Esters using Transesterification and the Primary Alcohols: Dodecanol and Nonanol.

Vivian Lee is a student researcher with Dr. Sylvine Deprele on the Challenges of Hydrophosphinylation during Surfactant Synthesis.

Research group members, Emely Ortiz Villa, Jasmine Gutierrez, Rachel Choi (credit: Katherine Guzman, and Jessica Araiza) showcase with pride their research, "Characterizing the microbiology of the Los Angeles River: from the Sepulveda basin to Golden Shores." They also presented at the 2017 SCCUR at Cal Poly Pomona. Their P.I. is Adriane Jones, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences.

Melissa Martinez served as the spokesperson for the symposium and presented her own oral presentation.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The faculty and staff put a lot of hard work and dedication to Mount Saint Mary's University. It's great that the Mount holds this festival to give back, show appreciation and support the many families at the Mount.

To kick off the start of the fall season, the Mount hosted the annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 8, 2017, for faculty and staff and their families to attend. The Doheny campus celebrates this special time of year with families and young children, alongside community friends and partners. The festival is a way to thank staff and faculty in the community who have helped the Mount grow the past years. The festival included fun for the children. Tables were set up for DIY activities, like making your own colored sand filled necklaces. Bouncy houses decorated the Mansion lawn for the children play in. The kids got their faces painted while most of the adults and adolescents got henna tattoos. A game of Ultimate Frisbee took place in the North Lawn that brought Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Stephanie Cubba, Provost and Academic

Vice President, Robert Perrins and Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brian O'Rourke together. There was a game of Badminton and as well as a balloon toss that turned into a water balloon fight among the children. Everyone enjoyed the complimentary foods that were served like BBQ Ribs, tacos, vegan falafel, funnel cake, etc. While the power of friendship is a year round affair, fall just brings everyone in the Mount community even closer and gives everyone the urge to make bonds or connections with family and friends stronger.

It is easy to get tied down to the mundane in life and the tasks we convince ourselves that is important. But at the event, everyone was able to be in and live in the moment with friends and loved ones.

By: Heaven Mella



Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Stephanie Cubba is feeling victorious after her win in a game of Ultimate Frisbee.



Sister Margaret O'Rourke is all smiles and happy to see everyone together at the Harvest Festival.



Laura Barajas, Office Manager of Student Health Services, and her daughters smile big and pose to be "cartoonized" by a Cartoon Artist.

Assistant Dean of the Associate in Arts program, Jeannette Stone tries the popular festival treat chocolate and peanut dipped ice-cream bar with her family.

The children of faculty and staff were able to enjoy the bouncy houses and slides while also making friends with other children.

The Food Services staff, Margarita Ruiz, Iris Cuevas, Ileana Puentes and Edelmira Gomez ham it up in the photobooth.



Brian O'Rourke, Vice President of Enrollment Management, and Robert Perrins, Provost and Academic Vice President battle each other in a game of Ultimate Frisbee.



Sister Joan O'Dwyer enjoys two ice cream popsicles on this warm day.



Maryann Ngyunen, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, is all smiles as she watches the Henna artist draw her chosen art on her arm.



Marlene Simon, Director of Career Services and Internships, thanked students who attended her last Etiquette Dinner event. She wanted to wish students the

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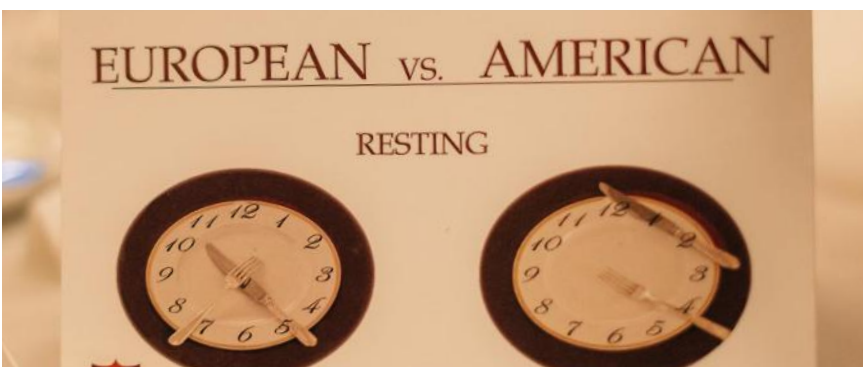
ETIQUETTE DINNER

This is the night that I will never forget. From great people, and wonderful hosts, to delicious food - who would forget this? I am so blessed and appreciative that I was able to learn participate.

Marlene Simon sadly hosted her last Mount Saint Mary's University's 22nd annual Etiquette Dinner. The dinner was not only beautiful but also a hit a sensitive note among students, faculty, staff and alums. This event is held every fall to help current students learn the etiquette skills they need to use for career networking and job interviews.

Students who have never been inside the Doheny Mansion filtered inside the Doheny campus in awe of the beauty of the mansion. The students all mingled waiting for the etiquette dinner coach, Jules Martinez Hirst, to start explaining the concept of networking. The students then moved on from the living room area to the beautiful dining room and found their named seats. As everyone sat down, they all went around introducing themselves as they were taught how to do so. All enjoyed a beautiful and delicious seven course meal that was to die for and enjoyed each other's company.

By: Pauline Mikhail



The tables were all decorated to accentuate the interior of the Doheny Mansion. Each table was set for eight guests to a table and had beautiful orange flowers as the centerpiece.

Julia Vanella toasting to Marlene Simon, the hostess of the night. Simon gave an amazing speech of her time at the Mount and wished everyone a great night.

Simon surrounded by the amazing students at her table. They all shared an incredible seven course meal and listened to her great advice throughout the night.

From left to right: Julia Vanella, Brianna Mendez, Aimee Hernandez, Sierra Siebert, and Pauline Mikhail. Best friends who all came together for their senior year.

Distinguishing resting positions on cutlery was highlighted on Pamphlets.

Day Sanchez gets a unique Henna design on her hand as she smiles at the camera.



Henna tattoos were a crowd favorite; the line went from the booth to the sidewalk as people waited their turn.



Fall Fair attendees tested their aim with a game of ring toss.



Xochitl Ibarra and Janet Borja-Sanchez slide down the Bounce House.



Destiny Osborne and Amani Davis-Moore throw plastic balls through the designated cut outs hoping for it to find its mark.



There is excitement in Azul Ramirez's eyes as she eagerly dips her green apple into a pot of sweet caramel.



Olivia Maheia is focused on making her glass jar pretty and decorative just like the other students.

The Caricaturist exaggerates and sketches Cassandra Luna's facial features.

FALL FAIR

It's the time of year when I'm stressed and overwhelmed, but that changed with Fall Fair came. With so many fun games and activities, my stress was able to disappear with ease.

Chalon

The Fall Fair was just what commuters and residents alike needed to push their stress away. Everyone present was able to mingle with those around them as they discussed the heat of the day and the fun of the events around them. Lines for churros and henna tattoos certainly took the cake for the longest lines, they took up most of the free sidewalk space with eager students. Another shining piece of the Fall Fair was the inflatable obstacle course!

Students were able to release their inner kid again as they struggled through the bouncy obstacles before attempting to climb up to the slide. Janet Borja-Sanchez and Xochitl Ibarra couldn't stop laughing as Janet fell down the ladder twice, struggling to reach the top. The students loved the free goodies they got to eat, pumpkin pie, churros, lemonade, and nachos. The Fall Fair did not disappoint.

For hours students played ring toss, basket toss, and were able to interact with fellow classmates and escape the stress of upcoming finals and multiple homework assignments. It was a brief escape from being a student. Students of all years and majors eagerly look forward to the next opportunity. The Student Programming and Commuter Services will present that allows them to take off their student identities and instead put on their easy-going, happy personalities.

By: Ashley Hutchinson



Brinna Petlin serves nachos to an office staff member who took a break to enjoy the festivities.

Doheny

The Student Programming and Commuter Services office at Doheny hosted its first Fall Fair at the North Lawn of the campus. A few minutes before the event started there was already a long line of students waiting at the sign-in table to get their event wristbands. The event was busy but filled with fun and excitement. Students rushed to get in line get "cartoon-ized" by a Caricaturist. Everyone enjoyed eating the caramel apples, which quickly became the favorite fair treat. The runner up for favorite fair treat were the individually packaged bags of flavored popcorn. Another fall fitting dessert that was served included pumpkin pie that was sweeter than caramel or chocolate popcorn. Attendees played their own version of ball and bucket toss. The craft table was buzzing with a lot of students decorating their own glass mason jar. Although the entertainment was limited, everyone who came still enjoyed themselves. The Fall Fair gave everyone a chance to chat while absorbing the atmosphere of the fair.

By: Heaven Mella



Jennifer Contreras and Astrid Perez eagerly pose as they get their picture drawn by a professional artist. Many received a caricature of themselves that day in honor of the first Fall Fair at the Doheny campus.

LIGHTING

OF THE CIRCLE



Holiday cheer is all around as the Circle lights up and Christmas music plays. We feel at peace during this magical holiday celebration that only the Mount can provide.

Let there be light! With Christmas and holiday music filling the air and a giant Christmas tree in the middle of the Administration Lawn, students of all majors came out to the Circle with their friends to join the annual celebration. Many snack and gift stations surrounded the Circle all the way up to the Humanities Building. Snacks included hot chocolate with marshmallows, warm churros, and sweet kettle korn freshly made in a gigantic vat of oil. The fragrance of the freshly made kettle korn filled the air and instantly made everyone around hungry. The Christmas tree was lit as Christmas time songs played in the background and students were elated to go take a photo under the Christmas tree. This was a perfect time for everyone to take a breather from studying for the upcoming finals. Many left happy and joyous.

By: Patricia Arias



The Frontier Kettle Korn line ran across the Circle as students were instantly intrigued by the amazing smell.



Groups of friends gathered together under the Christmas tree to pose for pictures.



The longest line was definitely the churro stand. Students could not wait to get their hands on the delicious sweet treat.



Jabrese Stanton, Jacqueline Smith, and Diana Patino put on props and pose in front of a electronically talking mirror that took their photo.

Jaqueline Barba and Maria Guitierrez Rivas can't control their giggles as they enjoy their hot coco and popcorn.

Joanna Gaytan, Bernice Zacarias, and Linnette Viduari make their own Christmas ornaments.

Allie Hernandez and Jade McLaughlin bring on the Christmas cheer as they sing their hearts out at Karaoke to "Last Christmas."



DOHENY CHRISTMAS

Christmas came early to Doheny, on Wednesday, November 15th. Doheny's Student Activities Council (SAC) hosted their annual Doheny Christmas event. The theme was A Rock Out Christmas filled with song and tradition. Residents and commuters were welcome to be merry. Snacks and warm beverages were served like kettle corn, popcorn, candy canes, hot chocolate, and tea. The most popular activity was Karaoke. Students sang many of the holiday greatest including "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "White Christmas," and "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer." Some wore their "ugly" Christmas sweaters, and others wore bright reindeer headbands. It was a joyous evening with tree decorations and many memories.

By: Heaven Mella

CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT THE MANSION

The time has come where the Doheny Mansion is at its merriest. Doors were open for everyone to experience the magic at the Mansion. President Ann McElaney-Johnson and Dr. Stephanie Cubba, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, were at the doors greeting everyone who walked in. Traditional Christmas ornaments, garland, candles, red and white poinsettias decorated every corner of the Mansion. Christmas carolers were the highlight of the afternoon. They entertained everyone, especially the children, with joyful and classic Christmas tunes. One of the best parts of the event were the treats. Holiday themed-treats like cookies shaped as ornaments, cake, brownies and cupcakes decorated the dessert table to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. There also was eggnog and apple cider. The giant, festive Christmas tree, which was the main attraction, stood tall and center in the Pompeian Room. The tree was decorated with red and gold ornaments. Everyone at the event took pictures with their friends, family and or colleagues. Joy and laughter spread all over the rooms and halls of the Mansion. T'was another merry, magical time at the Doheny Mansion.

By: Heaven Mella



Carolers in of the century costumes sing merry tunes as guests walk through the doors to the Pompeian Room.

President Ann McElaney-Johnson and Vice President Dr. Stephanie Cubba are jolly as they greet guests at the Mansion entrance.



The Christmas tree stands tall in the center of the Pompeian Room and decorated with red, gold and silver ornaments.

The Mount's Foreign exchange students gathered around the Christmas tree to take a memorable group picture, one they can look back to.



Jaqueline Barba and Karina Cruz pose for a photo in festive Mardi Gras gear.

Campus Ministry decorated the tables with bright colors and beads and baskets full of rice bowls.



MARDI GRAS

Bubbles surround me as I pass by the colorful Mardi Gras tables. Energetic Campus Ministry members offer me a beaded necklace to join in the celebration of the last day before Lent begins.

On February 13th, Campus Ministry hosted a bright and vibrant celebration on both Chalon and Doheny campuses. Beads were handed out to every staff member, faculty, and student that passed by, and students were given the chance to have fun and make bubbles before going to their next class. If students had time, they could sit down at one of the two tables that were provided and decorate their own mask. They could then take off this mask as a symbolic way to begin Lent.

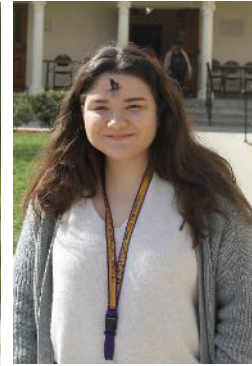
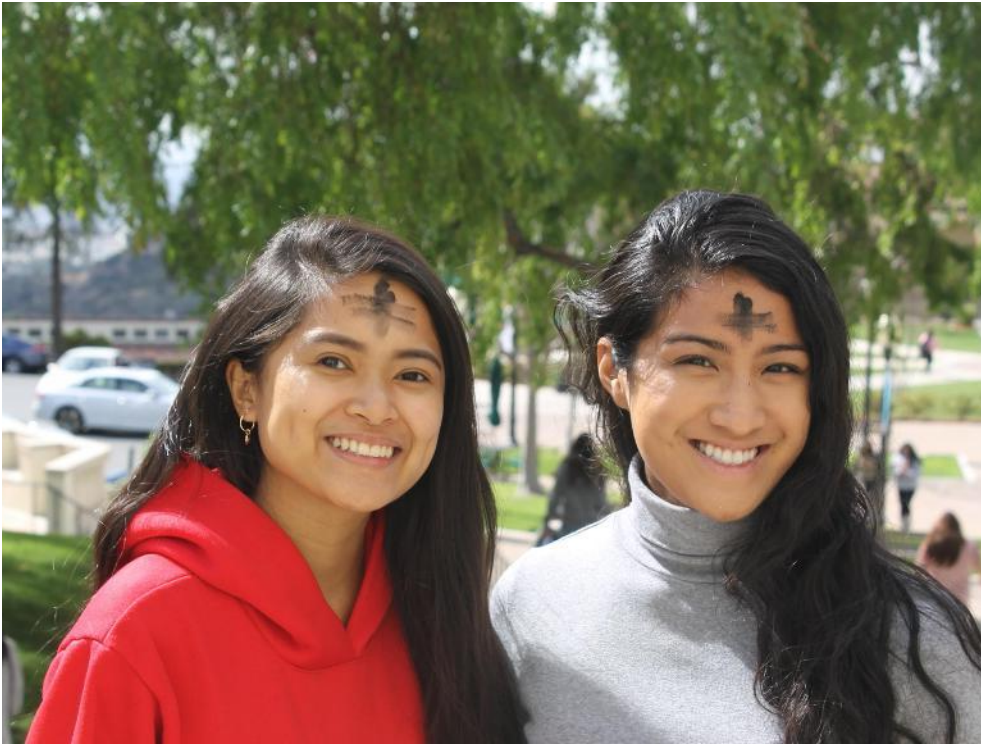
Campus Ministry offered Catholic Relief Services rice bowls, which are small boxes that students could take home and raise money on their own. Once a student fills up a box, they return it back to the office so that it may be donated to help neighboring communities. Through these donations, they are raising awareness on what Lent is all about, which is to sacrifice and give back to our community in anyway we can. Mardi Gras engaged students to make a difference and also have fun in between their busy schedules.

By: Evelyn Avila

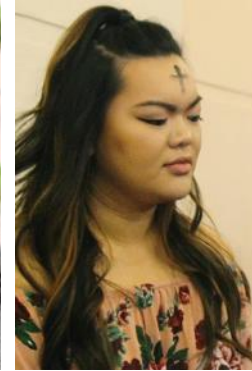


Dressed in a court jester costume, Jennifer Garcia poses behind Yessenia Diaz and Mercedes Flores.

Cindy Rivera and Kimberly Marquez-Brizuela put their focus and attention on making their mask look festive and pretty.



Dana Gil walks to her next class with the ashes that she received from the Ash Wednesday Mass on the Chalon campus.



Francesca Diaz accepts her ashes with a smile during the Chalon Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day on the same day? It might sound like the two do not go together; however, they both revolve around the theme of love.

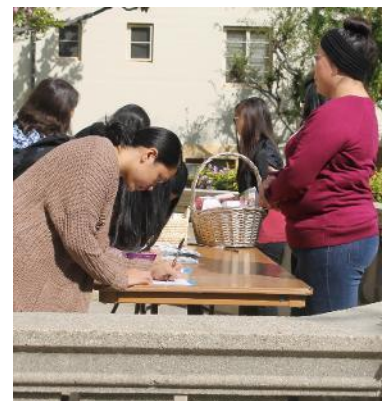
Ash Wednesday landed on the same day as Valentine's Day this year, which many people found odd. During the Mass at the Chalon campus, the priest immediately began by explaining how great it is to have both of these celebrations on the same day. Valentine's Day is dedicated around the theme of love and encourages people to spread it to everyone around them. Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Lent which revolves around sacrificing for the love of your neighbor. The priest, Father Felix, emphasized how both days focus on loving the people around you and doing whatever you can to help each other and let one another know that they are not alone. Father Felix had everyone stand around the altar to accept the body and blood of Christ as a community. Love surrounded the campus with students beginning the celebration of Lent. It was a beautiful day that the Mount community celebrated together as one.

By: Evelyn Avila



Members of the Mount community gather around the priest to accept the body and blood of Christ.

After the Mass, students had the opportunity to participate to take home rice bowls which were being passed out outside the Chapel.





STUDENT



LIFE

SOLAR

I watched the moon appear to touch the sun on August 21st, and it was just as magical as novels make it out to be. For that hour and a half it was easy to pretend I was on the verge of some great adventure I'd read about one day, and maybe this year at The Mount . . . I am.

On August 21, 2017, students were in the Circle witnessing the phenomenal eclipse last seen in 1979. The beautiful day and sight were punctuated by excited staff that offered eclipse safe glasses and cute eclipse facts to any curious individual. A few biology lab classes opted to having class outdoors so students could get first hand experience to events as unique as this one. When looking through the safety glasses provided to students, a crescent moon shape was visible as the rest of the sky was blacked out by the intense protection of the glasses. While staring at the eclipse without eye wear may have been tempting to some students, those at The Mount practiced safety as they admired it in massive groups of wonder.

For two minutes, at 8:00 a.m, Californians watched as The Golden State was darkened by the moon and the sun while they shared a beautiful, historic moment. "That's one for the Yearbook", Heaven Mella joked as she photographed students watching the eclipse. Doheny and Chalon students both enjoyed the beauty of the eclipse in some of their finest gear to accompany their first day of classes. Xochitl Ibarra, a first year Psychology student, said that "the eclipse was a very cool experience." She continued on to state, "I loved listening to the sisters tell their history while also being able to witness the eclipse." Xochitl finished by saying she "couldn't wait to tell [her] mom all about it." Another first year student, Karina Mejia, said that the event inspired a new short story she couldn't quite pull together prior to the eclipse.

By: Ashley Hutchinson



Musician Julia Johnson looks to the sky as she witness the amazing eclipse that was happening before her eyes.



FACTS

This is the first eclipse in the United States in over 38 years. It last occurred on February 26, 1979.

Solar eclipse totality is when the moon completely covers the sun for a brief moment and it becomes dark.

This solar eclipse is part of the Saros Series 145, which is one of the most studied eclipse cycles and occurs every 18 years.

A solar eclipse always takes place two weeks before or after a lunar eclipse.

The first state to see the eclipse was Oregon and it was best viewed in Nashville.



Left, every student that was in the Circle or Administration Lawn took turns looking up and sharing the eclipse.

Students gather around and share eclipse glasses that were distributed at the Circle and Admin Lawn by Campus Ministry.

As commuters stopped by to register and receive their yearbook they had a chance to witness one of nature's most phenomenal occurrences.

Students who wanted to view the eclipse in a different way, without eye wear, used a cool combination of shadow-work to truly see the shape of the eclipse.



ECLIPSE

PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO SERVE

I woke up today with a sense of purpose. To give back to my community through meaningful ways.

At the Mount, it is important to always give back to the community. Engaging in community service provides students with the opportunity to become active members of their group. On Saturday, November 4, 2017, Community Engagement hosted the 12th annual President's Invitation to Serve to honor the legacy and tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Serving Our "Dear Neighbors." Over 200 Mount volunteers answered the call for the President's invitation to Serve. These group of students, alum, faculty and staff, and friends of the University came out to 11 different sites; seven of which were located in the greater LA area, the other four were satellite sites.



Jennifer Lopez and fellow Mount student, cleaned some of the dog beds found on the streets.



South LA Animal Shelter. This was a newly added site and students enjoyed volunteering here. They cleaned kennels and helped keep the place tidy for the furry animals.



Heal the Bay. Polonia Moala helps protect the sea life and the ocean by helping collect garbage that could potentially end up in the ocean.



Volunteers were happy that they picked up a lot of trash and were proud they contributed to a safe, healthy and clean environment and helped keep Santa Monica Bay free of garbage.

The seven included Alexandria House, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Rise Against Hunger, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Heal the Bay, South LA Animal Shelter and a Place Called Home. The satellite sites were Sacred Heart in San Jose, Martin Deporres in San Francisco, International Rescue Committee, in Phoenix, Arizona, and Women Helping Women in Orange County. One of the most popular sites to volunteer this year were Rise Against Hunger and A Place Called Home. Some of these sites depend on volunteers to do some of the extra work so that they may use their funds to help those who need it. In each site, volunteers were given a tour and background as well as specific tasks by their on-site coordinator.

Students took part in helping keep the oceans and beach clean by picking up garbage found on the sand. Animal shelter volunteers helped make a difference in the lives of abandoned and orphaned animals just by cleaning their kennels so that they may have a nice place to sleep. Rise Against Hunger volunteers made a positive difference in the fight against hunger by packaging meals. Every volunteer woke up very early and dedicated their day to service. At the end of the day, everyone gained hands-on experience in leadership development, team-building, relationship-building, creative problem-solving, and goal-setting and achievement.

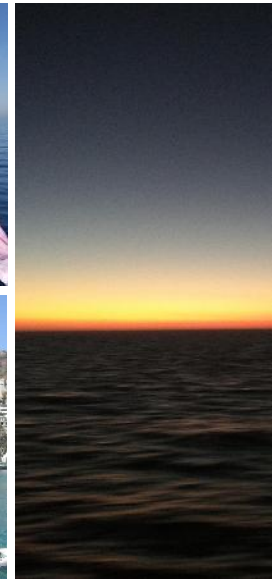
By: Heaven Mella

Group photo of everyone at the California Science Center at the end of the day happy and hungry.

Aimee Hernandez tries her best at CPR on a dummy provided by the exhibit. It took Aimee about three attempts before she got the hang of saving a life.

Samantha Hayes, along with other MSMU students trying to help in reviving the CPR dummy. She saved it within two minutes.

Part of the exhibit, all bodies were arranged in different positions that reflected the topics discussed in the area.



Sandra Montoya and foreign exchange student Xinyi Wang while on the ride to the Island on the Ferry.

A great first view of the Island as the students disembarked on the city of Avalon.

A beautiful sunset reflecting the peaceful and fun day that was experienced on the Island. A perfect culmination to a perfect day.

The Body Exhibit

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, students had the unique opportunity to head down to the California Science Center and participate in the Body World's Exhibit. Each student had the chance to walk through and see real human bodies that were specially preserved for the exhibit. Other attractions that students got to participate in were CPR training, testing their blood pressure, and an interactive skeleton that shows the types of bones. Towards the end of the event, everyone had a chance to write down what they wanted to do before they die.

By: Brianna Mendez

Catalina Island

Breezing on the ocean was a first time experience for many on the trip. Once on the island, the sun was shining for everyone's welcoming. With the multitude of guests around the island, it didn't seem that small. Many students explored the shops and small eateries around. Others went on a two mile hike to the top of the mountains to visit the Botanical Gardens. During the tour, students got to learn more about this petite town and how it was established as well as some of the adaptations taken upon from the families around, for example, the health care and school process. Fun fact, Avalon holds the zip-code of West Los Angeles and operates under the Long Beach Unified School district. All in the end students had fun trying out new and fun water activities and escaping the big city of Los Angeles for a small moment.

By: Stephanie Castillo

Los Angeles Zoo Lights

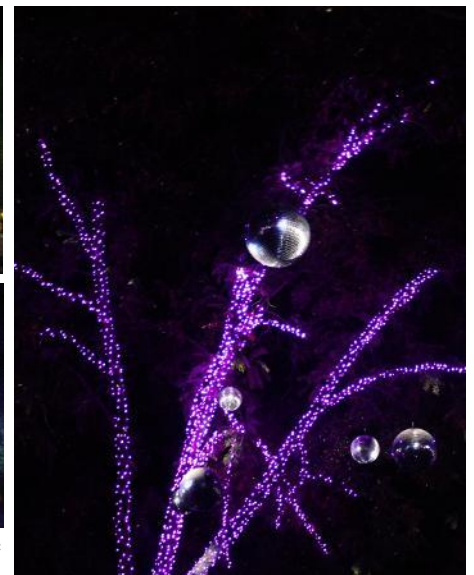
As the sun sets, the festive lights lit up the night. Although most of the animals were sleeping for the night the Reptile exhibit was open for everyone to see. Snakes, lizards and frogs were moving and slithering around. There was also a Star Wars area where guests got to see some of the "animals" in the franchise. Students got to feed and learn important information about deer's, the loyal friends of Santa. There were also performances around the zoo including carolers who sang Christmas songs, a water and lights show, and promoters of Cirque Du Soleil wearing giant fish headgear.

By: Patricia Arias



MSMU students left with wonder as they got to celebrate the unique L.A. Zoo nightlife.

Since most animals were away sleeping, the zoo put out lights in the shape of the animals. The lights were a highlight of the experience.



All of the trees were covered in sparkling lights of all colors. There were different themes throughout the zoo including disco night and enchanted forest.

MOUNT IN THE CITY

Design: YB Staff
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Cirque du Soleil

Luzia -

A Waking Dream of Mexico

The winter L.A. night quickly turned into a vivid dreamscape as Luzia took students on an adventure to Mexico! The vibrant sets and costumes captured everyone, and each performance was more daring and inspiring than the last. Students were especially moved by the culturally rich music which featured live vocal performances. This will forever be a memory of the power of light and rain and the sounds from a modern and traditional Mexico.

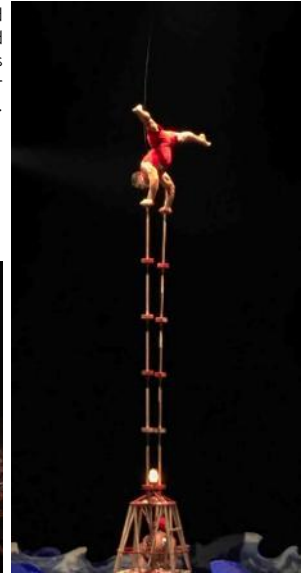
By: Stephanie Castillo



Mount students, from various ethnicities, gather in excitement to experience Luzia.



A majestic horse follows a mysterious young acrobat in a butterfly suit.



A delicate acrobat performed unbelievable anti-gravity moves with a giant hula hoop.

Black Panther at El Capitan Theatre

Everyone spoke about how eager they were to watch the movie as they piled into the shuttle. Upon arrival, the theater was crowded with people who shared the same excitement to watch the action packed movie of the year. Inside, they had display cases showing the costumes of the movie characters. The students were in awe as they took pictures of the costumes. All of the students came out loving the movie and it was made even more special because of the exclusive sneak peaks the students were able to see.

By: Brianna Mendez



El Capitan Theatre had some of the wardrobe from the movie. The picture to the right contains the queen's dress, the king's outfit, and one of the many outfits of Killmonger, the villain.



Group photo of the entire MSMU students after the end of the movie come pose excited as they talk about the end credit scenes.



More costumes from the movie! The display featured the princess costume, another king of Wakanda outfit, and native female costume from a neighboring tribe.



Elline Clarice-lina worked at the event putting out fresh fruits and veggies for everyone who came and participated.

FOOD DAY

Trying to stay healthy is easy when the Mount provides an environment where one can eat fresh foods and promote exercise.

At MSMU, Food Day inspired many Athenians to change their diets and take action to solve food-related problems on our campus. Sports and Wellness joined forces with Food Services to bring a free farmers market, pedal powered smoothie station, and healthy snack samples for our students at the Campus Center. Food Day in the United States is celebrated annually on October 24th and was initially started in 1975 by the Center for Science. The free farmers market was the first station and it included items such as potatoes, carrots, onions, apples, bananas, pears, and much more. Students were allowed to grab as much as three of each item. The next station was sponsored by



Students at the Chalon Campus cycled for their lives to make organic smoothies made out of fresh fruits and greens.

Rethink Water which promotes an eco-friendly and sustainable way to drink water by using carton packaging that is made from 70% paperboard. MSMU's Eco Club hosted the next station giving students the opportunity to learn about the different ways we can be eco-friendly on campus and have fun with a photo booth. Another station was Food Services hosting a healthy food sampling table. They served two types of salads made from healthy fruits and vegetables like kale, apples, and arugula.

By: Patricia Arias



Jaeden Joya is excited to try the freshly prepared salad served by Food Services at the Doheny campus.



Polonia Moala rode the smoothie cycle at the Doheny campus Food Day Fair. People were given the opportunity to create their own smoothies and burn calories while doing so. The smoothies included ingredients such as apples, kale, spinach, oranges and almond milk.



Azucena Mendez and Luis Medina welcome students to the event at the Campus Center. They gave away wellness bags filled with pamphlets which the students were able to fill with free goodies.



Cecilia Montellano shops around for the best fruits and veggies. She is ecstatic to change her eating habits and include more healthy foods.

Dr. Adriane Jones poses with a member of the MSMU Eco Club. They were informing students about sustainability and clean plant growth. They also had information on plants that can be grown to make healthy meals at home.

WEEKEND TRIP TO



Besides the landscapes, the people I met and the talks and fun I had made the trip so worthwhile. Sharing these new experiences and lasting memories made us closer than ever before.

During mid-semester break, Autumn Johnson, Director of Sports and Wellness, took a group of students up to Sequoia National Park for four days of hiking, camping and sightseeing. Everyone met up at Chalon bright and early in the morning and began the four hour road trip to Sequoia Mountains. In the afternoon, the group arrived at the Potwisha campground and set up tents and ate lunch. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring the General Sherman Tree Trail. Everyone was amazed by the many gigantic trees and especially of the General Sherman Tree, the world's largest tree.

The students were split into groups of three and each group was tasked with making dinner, dessert, and dishes each night. Every person signed up for meals they would like to make, which also determined the assignment of groups. The first night, the first group made spaghetti & meatballs with garlic bread for dinner followed by monkey bread for dessert made by another group in charge. Every dessert was followed by an "after" dessert— s'mores!

The next morning, everyone woke up, had breakfast, and prepared their sack lunches and for the hike. It was a full day schedule, the group drove through the winding, narrow road to Redwood Canyon (it was one very bumpy ride) and went on a 7.2 mile hike on the Hart Tree Loop. The hike took about five hours and the group had stopped for lunch along the trail, facing a beautiful view of the Sequoia mountains. After that, the group headed to view the General Grant Tree. It was a very foggy ride back to the campsite and almost half the group fell asleep in the van. Everyone was also eager for dinner; tortilla soup was served, perfect for the cold night and along

with that, lava cake to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

The day after, the group hiked up the 400 steps of Moro Rock. The view was breathtaking. After that, the group took some time and visited the Giant Forest Museum, then took a 3.8 mile hike on Tokopah Fall trailhead, which included, climbing over rocks and having lunch next to a small waterfall. On the way back to the campsite, the group drove through a tunnel cut through a giant Sequoia. Everyone made their own dinner on the third and last night. Everyone learned how to make tinfoil dinners, which consisted of their choice of meat and veggies, over the fire. The group had sweet apple fritters and of course, s'mores for dessert.

It was a trip full of new experiences for everyone. By the end of the trip, everyone knew what to take and do to go camping and hiking. Everyone knew how to set up a tent and learned ideas for meals to make while camping. By the end everyone knew the principles of "Leave No Trace", to leave nature the way they found it. Most importantly, the trip brought everyone together. Those who didn't know each other before became friends at the end of the trip. It was an adventure to remember!

By: Heaven Mella



Autumn Johnson, Director of Sports and Wellness, Sierra Siebert, Stephanie Gomez, Sesera Katagi, Daisy Lezo, Amy Ventura, Tracy Johnson, Karina Castelum, Heaven Mella and Karen Gomez and Vanessa Benitez smile in front of the largest tree in the world, the General Sherman.

The group climbed over rocks to take this group shot in front of a small waterfall.



Amy Ventura, Daisy Lezo, Sierra Siebert, and Karen Gomez cross a huge fallen tree trunk over a running stream to continue their 7.2 mile hike of Hart Tree Loop.

Vanessa Benitez, Amy Ventura, Sesera Katagi make their first tinfoil dinner, with meat and veggies, on their third night at camp.

The group found a log cabin in Redwood Canyon and decided to take a short break inside of it.



Autumn Johnson, Sierra Siebert, Karen Gomez, and Vanessa Benitez jump for joy under Tunnel Rock on their last day at Sequoia National Park.

Karen Gomez and Autumn Johnson get silly on top of Moro Rock.

Before beginning the 7.2 mile hike of the Hart Tree trail, the group smile pretty for the camera and take in the colorful scenery of the forest.

CHARITY BALL

Charity Ball felt like prom all over again. From the beautiful clothes to the dancing. I truly felt like I was under the stars.

Student Government Association (SGA) planned and hosted this year's Charity Ball once again. Host, Anika Ahsan, did a beautiful job as being this year's SGA's service chair and coming up with this year's ball. Walking into the Campus Center at the Chalon campus was a transformation you would never have thought. From the beautiful decorations to the gowns, to the tuxes, it was a beautiful night for a great cause. It did not even look like they were on stepping into the Mount's Campus Center.

A Place Called Home was this year's cause that was chosen by the Student Government Association. It is a place where children and

teens from the ages of 8 to 21 can come where it is safe for them. Staff, supporters, and volunteers come together as a team to love these kids. To train and give them opportunities through educational programs, counseling, and mentorships. They also have a program where they partner up with the Los Angeles Unified School District where they take high school dropouts and help them with support for college preps, SAT tutoring, and college

counseling including trying to find them scholarships for college. The Charity Ball went smoothly and great for Anika Ahsan's first time hosting. With the help of the student body, faculty, and their guests that attended the ball, they were able to raise up to an estimated \$1,500. Almost everyone participated in the auction. The auction had everything from beauty supplies, to a basket full of Mount items, and even a signed Michael Jackson memorabilia.

It is safe to say that the night was not only beautiful, but it was also a success. Besides raising the money there was dancing and a nice dinner.

By: Pauline Mikhail



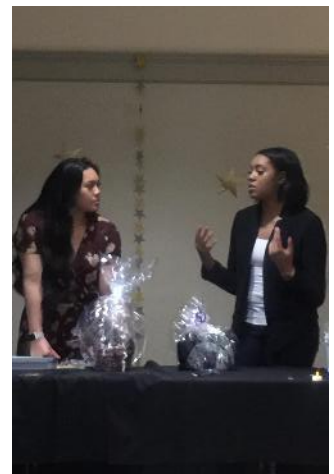
After the presentation was over, students and their families and friends all sat finishing their dinners and enjoying each others' company.



Host, Anika Ahsan, with her date of the night pose together in front of the crescent moon background matching the theme of being under the stars.



Students sit eating their dinners while watching the presentation of A Place Called Home. A Place Called Home is an organization where children and teens from 8 to 21 can go to when they need a safe place. They also help them with their educational needs like homework or finding scholarships for the student to have the ability to go to college.



SGA members, Dana Blakney and Angelica Framel talk while waiting for the auctions to end.

FARMER'S MARKET

Carrots and apples and pears, oh my! I felt a surge of energy from all the healthy and delicious options in front of me. I could choose from a variety of fruits and vegetables for no cost at all.

Mount Wellness always tries to make sure that the students are able to make healthy choices in their busy and stressful lives. One way that the university tries to help out the students is by offering a Farmer's Market. On the third Thursday of every month in the spring of 2018, students had the opportunity to choose from a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables for free. All the students had to do was sign a waiver, pick up a bag, and start picking their favorite options. Students could grab as many as they wanted with the luxury of knowing that they were making a smart and healthy choice. Many students do not have the time, transportation, or money to go to the market and maintain a healthy diet. The Mount community made it easy for students to stop by before or after class and grab a healthy snack.

By: Evelyn Avila



Shirley Cortez grabs carrots from one of the booths at the Farmer's Market to later enjoy in her dorm.



Students gather in groups to choose from a variety of fresh oranges to later have as a healthy snack.



On the right, student workers, Jessica Del Castillo and Yanin Marquez help pass out apples and pears to students.



Students get in line to grab bananas from the Farmer's Market to later enjoy before or after their classes.



Fresh fruits are being passed out to students who want an apple a day to keep the doctors away.



Student workers, Ejiaga Alicia and Anita Ghoalmi, smile as they pass out fresh celery and zucchini to eager students.

WELLNESS WEEK

It is easy to stay active at the Mount with events like Wellness Week that have a ton of activities for students to choose from. I can take a break from schoolwork to focus on my body and relieve some stress.

Mount students, staff, and faculty gathered from February 5th-7th to participate in exciting Wellness Week events that occurred in both the Doheny and Chalon campus. The three days involved fun filled activities where students had the opportunity to either relax their mind with stress relieving events or challenge their bodies in four or more events in order to win a twenty dollar gift card, along with other small prizes. The school hosted a variety of events starting as early as eight in the morning to as late as eight in the evening, which included: making your own yogurt parfait before class, rock climbing, Tae Bo with the legendary instructor Billy Blanks, a stress relief yoga session, and much more. Wellness Week allowed students to exercise and challenge themselves in way they might not have known were possible. It gave students the confidence in knowing that they can achieve anything they want and that nothing is impossible.

By Evelyn Avila



Students gathered in a group huddle and cheered after conquering a Tae Bo lesson from instructor Billy Blanks.

Fitness Center student workers, Martha Gonzalez, Yanin Marquez, and Flor Carpio, are encouraging students to participate in the three or more events to win a Mount Saint Mary's souvenir during Physical Day.

Students challenge themselves in a fun and difficult exercise where they try to reach the top of the rock climbing wall.

CAPTURE THE FLAG

What's more fun than playing a traditional game of Capture the Flag? A game of Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag! As the evening got cooler, it was the perfect time for a heart-racing, sweat-dripping night game of Capture the Flag! The same rules apply as the traditional one. Two teams each had a flag or in this case -- a glow-in-the-dark bottle and the objective was to capture the other team's "flag", located at the team's "base," and bring it safely back to their own base. Players had on glow-in-the-dark sticks. Friends were put in opposing teams which definitely got the competition going and everyone moving.

By: Heaven Mella



A triumphant Caroline Horne takes a win for her team when she successfully captures the other team's flag and safely brings it back to her base.

S'MORES

During the evening, as the sun was setting, the Sports and Wellness department offered s'mores to the students of The Mount. The line started to become long as the students who were hanging out by the basketball courts and the students that were on the hike started to join in. Friends hung out with each other laughing and talking while waiting their turn. The students that got their s'mores all sat together listening to the music that was playing near the pool. Some were playing tennis and some were dipping their feet in the pool. It was a fun night.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Students, Annette Vellurattil and Emily La Mear, enjoy s'mores together as Emily tries to take a selfie.

MOUNT CHOPPED

The night was competitive as six groups went head-to-head in the exclusive Wellness event: Mount Chopped. The stakes were high as each team had a total of fourteen of the same ingredients and one special ingredient that they had to use in order to stay in the competition. The winners would each receive a fifty dollar gift

card to either the school cafeteria or Ralph's Grocery Store at the end of the contest. As the clock was ticking judges walked around and asked questions to each team that reflected the teams thought process of their dish. When the time was up it was up to the judges to taste, critique, and score each and every creation. By the end of the scoring, it was Joy Caday and Tina Tran who won with their dish: The Power Bowl. Their special ingredient was tomatoes and each won the fifty dollar gift card to Ralph's.

By: Brianna Mendez



The winners of Mount Chopped: Joy Caday and Tina Tran. They created the Power Bowl that won over the judges.

The chefs of Mount Chopped decorated their crepe plate with roses made out of strawberries.



OBSERVATORY HIKE

On their way up the Griffith Observatory trail, Diana Romero, Bridgett Flores, Heaven Mella, Jade McLaughlin, and Julianna Cassidy stopped and posed with their destination, overlooking behind them.



Mount Wellness Director, Autumn Johnson, took students from both Chalon and Doheny campuses for a hike to the Griffith Observatory during a weekend. The Griffith Observatory is perched on top of the south-facing slope of Mount Hollywood in Los Angeles' Griffith Park. It's a famous landmark that offers extraordinary views of downtown Los Angeles, the valley, and more. Students had the opportunity to spend some time at the observatory, to explore exhibits and to see the beautiful views early on a Saturday morning. The hike was about two miles long that had good views from the beginning of the trail. After just one quick switchback, the view of the Observatory unfolded right in front of them. There was a small bit of shade at the very beginning of the trail, but otherwise everyone experienced a sunny hike. This is a great place to just soak in the views – especially on a clear day.

By: Heaven Mella

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Strong women pass by me to participate in this visual display against sexual violence and violence in general. It is empowering to see the Mount's strong support.

The Clothesline Project was an event displayed by the school that raised awareness about violence against women and children. Shirts were hung up all over the Circle to represent a message from either a strong survivor of violence or a student who wanted to share their support. Students decorated these different colored shirts which depended on what they had been through or wanted to support at a booth and then later hung up the shirts for other students to see their message. The Mount held this two day event for students so that they may have the opportunity to participate and voice themselves on this social issue. Students showed their support through writing a positive message to the victims on sticky notes and then posted them on a cut out board of a shirt. Another way students participated was by making posters that were later marched around the Doheny campus neighborhood. If students also wanted more information about violence against women and children, there were books from the library that students could check out that shared stories of women who are survivors and have faced some type of violence in their lives. There was also a variety of pamphlets regarding this social issue that students could inform themselves with and have a better understanding of what the Clothesline Project is all about. It was a beautiful event that showed students how strong women are and that we are all in this together.

By: Evelyn Avila



Students Jessica Alcocer and Jasmine Ramirez support the Clothesline Project by making a poster that speaks out against violence towards women and children



A very powerful message was left by a student at the Mount for a survivor who suffered some type of violence.

T-shirts were spread all across the Circle with a strong statement. Messages were written across all these shirts that spoke out about domestic violence, childhood abuse, sexual assault, and more. Students shared their stories or their support for those who have gone through this.

Sticky notes were posted all around this cut out board of a t-shirt by students who showed their love and support to people who have gone through some type of violence.



Kayla Albania volunteers at the Clothesline Project by checking out books to students who wanted to hear stories from women who have survived some type of violence in their lives.



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Now a staple on college campuses, the Take Back the Night March offers survivors of sexual violence, allies, families, and members of the Mount community a supportive space to tell their stories and speak out against sexual harassment and violence. The event included a rally, march and vigil. Many students, staff, and family members walked through the streets around the Doheny campus with candles and signs. Chants of "No means no, and yes means yes", "Take back the night the time is near, we will not be controlled by fear", "We are women, we are men, together we fight

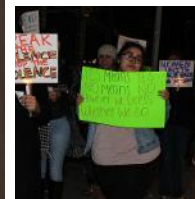
to take back the night" carried through the crowd. Everyone's voices were filled with power. Many honked and cheered in their cars as they drove past the crowd in support of the cause. The evening concluded with strong women who have been touched by violence sharing their experiences of their assault and recovery. Take Back the Night was a powerful event because attendees were made aware of what has happened in the past while uniting to make a change for the future. The Mount's event recognized that violence can happen to people of all sexes, genders, and sexual orientations. Attending the rally is an important way for students to recognize the prevalence of violence in their communities, and to realize that it can happen to anyone.

By: Heaven Mella

Everyone who came out to the march stopped in front of St. Vincent de Paul Church to take group photo and show off their empowering signs.



Abigail Cowo strongly marches with her sign that reads: "You are not damaged and neither am I! I decided to speak out and I will NEVER be silenced by anyone again! I will continue to speak for myself and others. My feelings and others' are VALID! We speak for ourselves! #MeToo"



A powerful sign that reads: "Yes means yes No means no However we dress Wherever we go"



Susan Cacique leads the protest chants.



Julie Tapia holds a sign that says: "You shouldn't be scared to return home, because you don't know what mood they will be in."

During the vigil, everyone in the Doheny Mercy Chapel sang "Lean On Me" and had a moment of silence for everyone who experienced sexual violence and prayed for those survivors.

Andrea Escamilla holds her sign loud and proud: "Break the silence, stop the violence".



RESIDENCE

LIFE

AN INSIDE LOOK

Wheel in the move-in bus because the 2017 - 2018 academic school year was about the freshmen. This year held the record for the most freshmen interested in residency. The Brady Lounge on the second floor even underwent some last minute re-construction to accommodate for the overflow of applications accepted. The Brady Lounge was redesigned during the previous academic school year with new furniture and televisions in response to the suggestions from students in need of more open relaxation space. These new changes excited students to partake in these residency advantages. It was because of the overflow of new and returning residents that there was a greater amount of participation in school events. There has been an increase in the attendance of the weekend activities hosted by the Residence Assistants. RA's have seen an increase of up to 30 - 40 students per event.

By: Stephanie Castillo



"When I came to the Mount I didn't know that I would need an extra blanket for the cold but it became very obvious with the start of second semester as it was freezing."

- Simran Patel



"I find it very easy to do my laundry on the week days instead of the weekends. I think the best time to do laundry was on Wednesday or Thursday. The only time that I would do laundry on the weekend was when we had more than three days off of school."

- Stephanie Pena

I Didn't Know That...

Every floor has a study lounge - take advantage! The best time to take advantage is mid-day when everyone is in classes.

Staying the weekend? Take the shuttle down to Westwood or Santa Monica!

Anyone on campus taking classes at the Hollywood Studio? Find carpooling with other residents - cheaper and the rides are a lot more fun!

Sunday nights are boring? Homework is all done? Then grab a couple of friends and head down to either the Carondelet 1st lounge or Brady 2nd lounge to watch TV and snack!



Take notes by using different colored pens to retain the information faster.

When you are too lazy to wash your dishes after a meal, use a tortilla or pita bread as your dish instead.

Open your windows and door when it gets too unbearably hot in Carondelet.

If it's hard for you to wake up in the morning, set your alarm and put your phone somewhere away from your bed. That way you'll be forced to get up.



"The best places that have Wifi is in the library and resident lounges. Also, residents are allowed to get one roll of toilet paper a day. Also, if you are feeling sick then you can go down to the resident desk in Brady to get Emergen-C"

- Kiana Reconsal-Brown

"You should roll your clothes into burritos for extra space in your drawers. If you do that then it is easier to organize. I always carry expo markers with me just in case I need to write on a white board to study or a professor forgets their markers."

- Annette Vellurattil



Resident Hacks

COMMUTER LIFE

Design: Brianna Mendez and Patricia Arias
Photography: Patricia Arias and Pauline Mikhail

MSMU HACKS!



Free Food!

MSMU offers many opportunities for students to get food for free. Student Programming and Commuter Services has a program called a Commuter Meal Voucher where commuters can apply to receive a meal card with money for students to use in the

cafeteria.

Many offices also hold events throughout the year that offer students free food for attending. Be on the lookout for those! Canned foods and snacks can also be found in Mary's Chapel for those who are in need. Remember to only take what you need and also give what you can.



Easy-Breezy Commuting

Commuting to campus can be a hassle with the struggle to find parking and the expense of gas. The Mount offers options to make commuting easier. Valet parking during the first week of classes is a welcome relief. Services offered by

Transportation and Parking allow students other options to save money on gas. Students can catch the shuttle at Doherty, Union Station, or Expo Line. Commuters may also share their ride with a carpool buddy through Zimride.



Say Hello to Your Little Friend

Make friends who live on campus that way you can use their dorm to sleep in case of emergencies or when a nap is needed. Resident friends can also offer to pay for your meal on campus if you are short on cash, which is another plus! Not sure how to make

friends? Get involved! Getting involved in clubs, work-study positions, and events is a sure way to make connections with students.

Your Survival Kit:



Start with a box that will go in your trunk. In the box put the following:

Washer fluid – You will not believe how much you will end up using on your daily commute.

Jumper cables – Teach yourself how to jump start a car if you don't know already.

A spare tire and the jack to change a flat tire

A sleeping bag. It's helpful if you need to stay over a friend's dorm because of harsh weather.

Overnight survival bag. A change of clothes that can work with any season (short sleeved shirt, spare sweatshirt, jeans, socks), pjs, spare toothbrush, etc. Ladies: feminine supplies.

Car First-Aid Kit. A car first-aid kit should have flares, a help sign to put in the windshield, the window breaking hammer, and a seat belt cutter. It should also have the classic bandages, alcohol wipes, and a multi-tool.

Extras:

Sunglasses.

\$20 for an emergency gas fund.

A gym bag. Your school probably has a gym. It's free, so you might as well use it.







CLUBS

FEATURED CLUBS

PI THETA MU

Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles service sorority, Pi Theta Mu, held their annual "Hello Kitty Welcome Back" social event. This year, the ladies of Pi Theta Mu held the event in one of the classrooms at Chalon in the Humanities building. Former President, Laura Yocum, explained Pi Theta Mu's mission is to help and serve to the best of their abilities, to promote volunteerism within the campus and beyond, and to build sisterhood within Pi Theta Mu through their traditions and their service. She then introduced the rest of the E-board who then shared who they are, why they joined, and how they contribute to the sorority. They also went over dues, Bigs and Littles, and how meaningful each of the sisters are to one another.

By: Pauline Mikhail



The President of Pi Theta Mu, spoke to current members and their newest inductees about their policies about joining the sorority. To join the sorority, members must pay dues and help out with bake sales, volunteering, and participate in all the fun activities that take place through out the semester.

SAKURA SOCIETY

Boo-nanza is a yearly event Sarkura Society does which usually falls around Halloween. Boo-nanza is a time when we want to welcome and celebrate with our members, showing them how much we appreciate them. The theme of this year's Boo-nanza was Studio Ghibli and we decorated the Campus Center with different characters from the many movies and the E-Board dressed up as different movie character. During Boo-nanza we had different craft tables featuring origami and calligraphy. There was also food (rice balls, candy, cookies) for the guests to snack on. The overall re-cap of this event is that the people who came had fun just hanging out with Sakura Society's E-Board, laughing and eating and making fun memories!

By: Nicole Siryj

Members Paola Castillo, Jessy Serrano, and Melanie Ortega engagingly participate in the art of origami. Some of the designs included frogs lotus flowers, and cranes.

Here are the drawings of some of the members. Most were drawn from their favorite anime movies or from raw creativity.



E-board members Nicole Siryj and Melanie Corral dance along to "Dope" by BTS.



LATINAS UNIDAS



Latinas Unidas unites students that share a passion for cultural awareness and activism of the Latino community. Latinas Unidas educates nuestra familia, outside communities, and the Mount on issues regarding education, racial and social injustice, and culture. Members are asked to be part of fundraising events and help host special cultural celebrations, such as "Día De Los Muertos." Not only do our members get to learn more about themselves and their culture, but they also make sure that everyone else

around campus gets to learn something new about the Latino community and culture as well. For seniors, graduating with the Latinas Unidas sash is a great honor that shows commitment and respect to our Latino roots.

By: Ilse Llamas-Medina



Latinas Unidas has a special sash that seniors get to wear at graduation. This group of members was very proud that they got to show theirs off after all their hard work.

Amanda Alvarez graduated class of 2017 with her Latinas Unidas sash. She was extremely excited to show off her accomplishment to her family.

Latinas Unidas hosts a "Día De Los Muertos" celebration every year.

Alexandra Perez, Mabel Rafael-Ramos, and LU President, Ilse Llamas-Medina snap a photo of their "Día De Los Muertos" event.

BLACK STUDENT UNION



Members of BSU traveled to San Francisco for the 2018 Afrikan Black Coalition Conference to connect with other Black Student Unions (BSU) and Afrikan Student Unions (ASU) statewide.

At the Afrikan Black Coalition Conference, BSU discusses social and political issues facing the community as well as resolve issues concerning academic policy, campus climate, matriculation from the University, and political education with members from other BSU and ASU.



The BSU members stand tall and proud on the steps of the Doheny Mansion at their Second Annual Spoken Word Black History Month event.

The Black Student Union club mission is to unite the people of color on campus regardless of gender, class level, or background. We strive to provide a safe and enriching environment for all Black students as well as those who are interested in issues concerning the Black community. Throughout the year, we have had different events focusing on our community as well as activism. Our annual events include the Afrikan Black Coalition, our Black History Month Poetry Slam, and the Miss Afrika Pageant.

By: Deasha Moore

MOUNT FUTURE NURSES

Mount Future Nurses is a club at the Doheny Campus that offers the nursing students intellectual enrichment, personal growth, and individual performances of its members. Mount Future Nurses enjoy stress free events, where the members can de-stress together after taking exams in their mutual classes. It is a way to bring future nurses together and start a special bond that others do not understand. The club also offers volunteering opportunities at hospitals or clinics to develop their skills before graduating and becoming a nurse. They also promote wellness in the members every day lives by offering a day in the sun like with obstacle courses. Mentorship opportunities are offered to upper-classmen that are obtaining their associate's degree by pairing the student with a pre-nursing students.

By: Pauline Mikhail



Chloe Frise, Club Representative of Associates Degree in Nursing, shows off her decorated pumpkin during a de-stress event.

Jared de los Reyes shows his excitement with becoming a new member of the Mount Future Nurses.



Club President, Heaven Mella, Treasurer, Jade McLaughlin, and club member Sarah Waite promote their club at the Spring Involvement Fair.



Kyrene-Hope Catuira, Leslie Sanchez, Brittany Perez, and Judith Lopez leave the books for a moment for some relaxation and self love.

THE ATHENIAN PRINT

The Athenian Print is MSMU's student-produced newspaper, with both online and hard copy versions keeping students and staff informed on local, national and international news. The Print is written and edited by a dedicated team who welcome anyone with a passion for writing and an eye for a good story. The Athenian Print was launched over four years ago, and since then has become recognized as an essential part of life at the Mount. From news and op-ed pieces to film reviews, sports reporting and in-depth profiles, it covers stories that matter to our community.

The Athenian Print is part of the Journalism and New Media Department but is open to all. Whether you are an aspiring news reporter, a fashion blogger, sports fan, photographer, poet or just want to write about a great place to eat, you will find a warm welcome from a group of students who share your passion. Contributors to the Athenian Print can pitch stories at any time - weekly if you wish, but if you're a little shy of commitment, you can submit your pieces whenever you have something new to say. Come along to one of our weekly meetings and find out more about becoming part of the Mount's own newspaper.

By: Professor Karen Fritschi



Athenian Print e-board member, Pamela Ardon, stands next to the Athenian Print poster showing off videos and articles that the Athenian Print has to offer to the Mount student.

Former Athenian Print President, Liz Charre, stands watching as prospective writers sign up to write for the school's newspaper club.



WOMEN IN FILM AND MEDIA

The MSMU Women in Film and Media Club started as a place to celebrate films and filmmakers we love, attend exclusive Hollywood events, and have conversations about how media impacts us especially through stereotypical representation. Now we also create content, hold workshops, and put on the annual I AM event for the Mount Community: a night celebrating our communities creativity to ask Who AM I? What Do I Stand For?

We welcome ANYONE who is passionate about film and media! If you are an entertainment junkie, love talking about your favorite shows and movies, and want to attend amazing events in Hollywood, JOIN US! We are also the place on campus addressing how the representation of race and gender in the media impacts all of us and we work with top industry change-makers to get involved; so if you want to be at the intersection of arts and activism, we are your people.

By: Dr. Nicole Haggard



Double majoring in Film and Nursing, student, Jared De Los Reyes learns to take photos with model, Jennifer Morgan.

Journalism and Film majors all stand together posing at Mayor Eric Garcetti's house after the 'Women and Journalism: The Status of Women in Media' talk.

THE SEEKERS PHILOSOPHY CLUB



The Seekers-Philosophy Club seeks to provide Mount students with a space to thoughtfully and philosophically discuss a wide variety of topics. Philosophy is important because it allows people to develop critical thinking and communication skills, in addition to helping people to logically form arguments. Philosophy club holds a variety of events throughout the year, including discussion forums and guest speakers. The Philosophy Club hopes to show that philosophy is something that is everywhere and is for everyone, regardless of their major.

By: Francesca Martin

E-board members Brianna Mendez, Francesca Martin, and Vivian Slu.

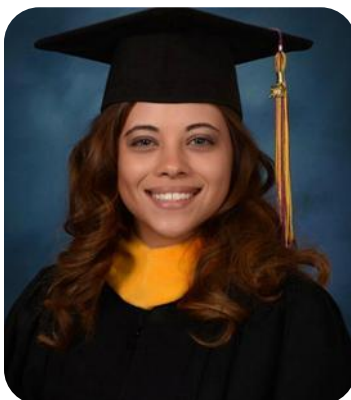




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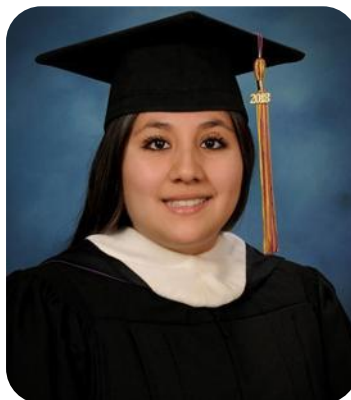
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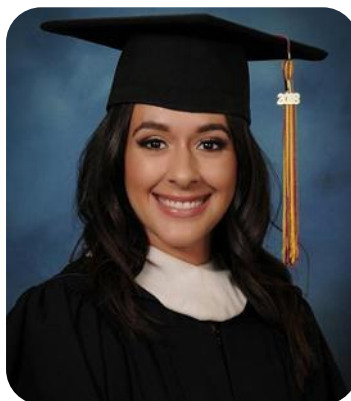
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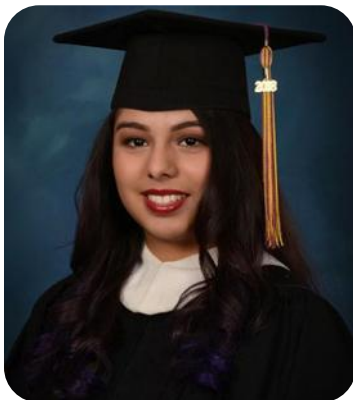
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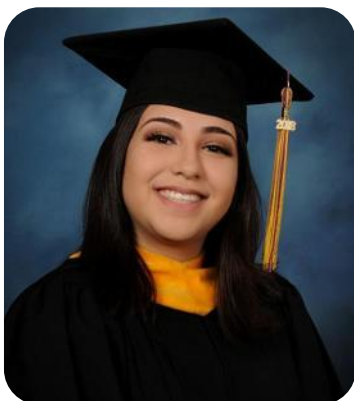
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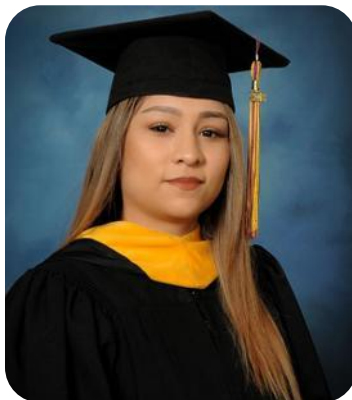
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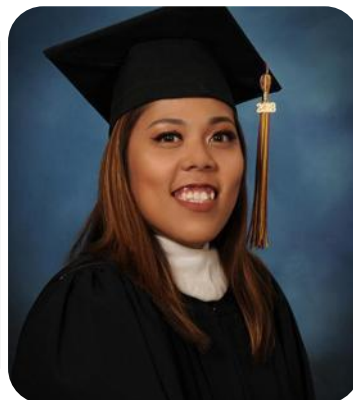
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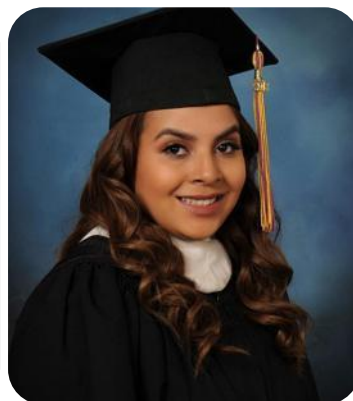
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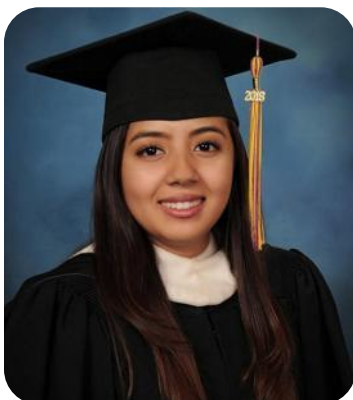
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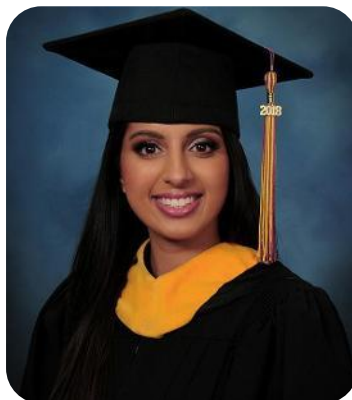
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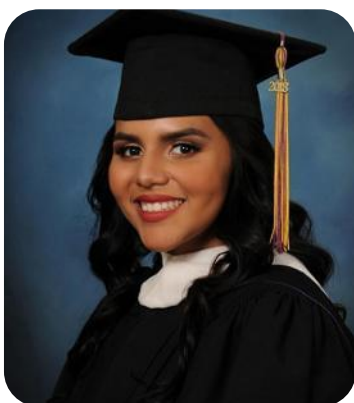
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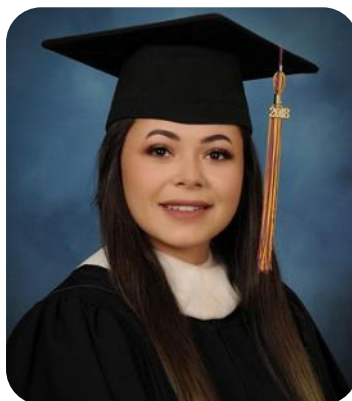
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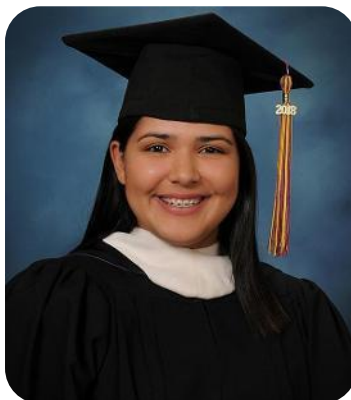
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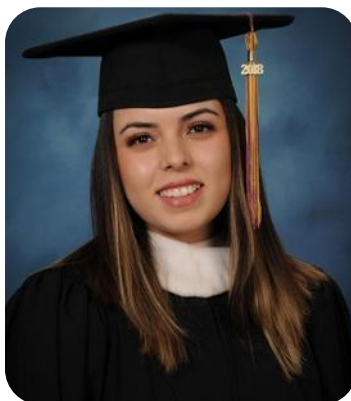
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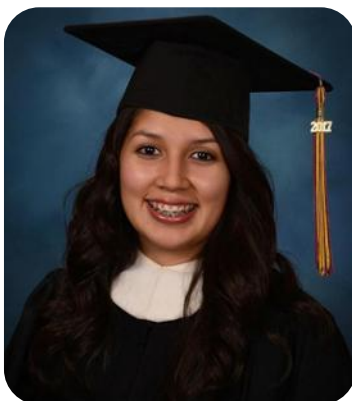
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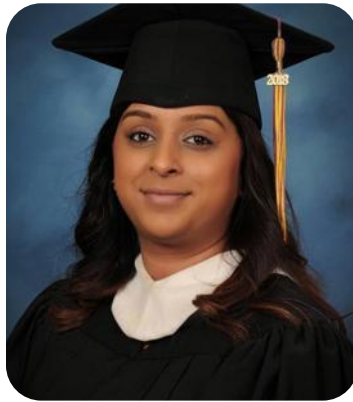
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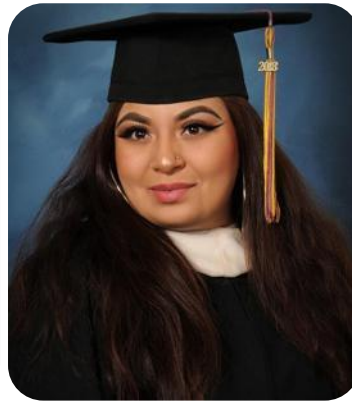
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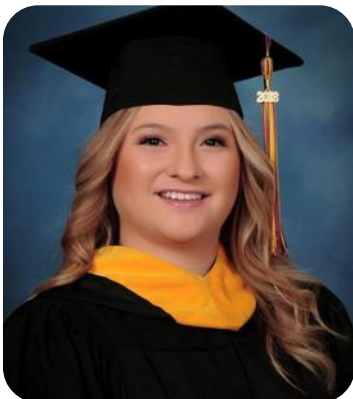
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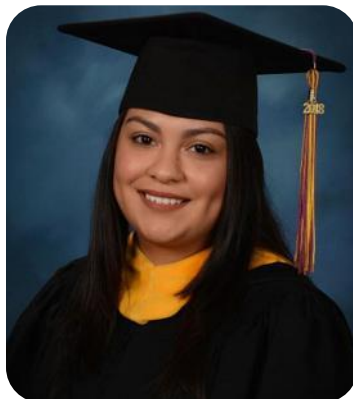
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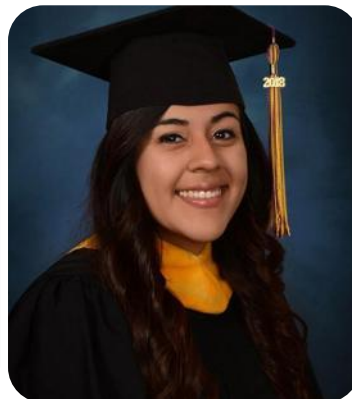
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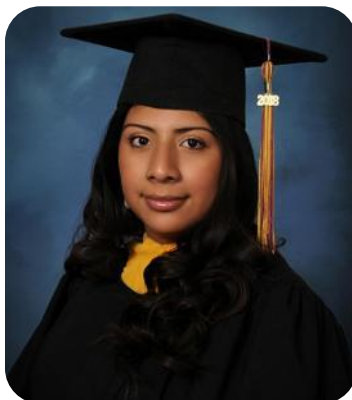
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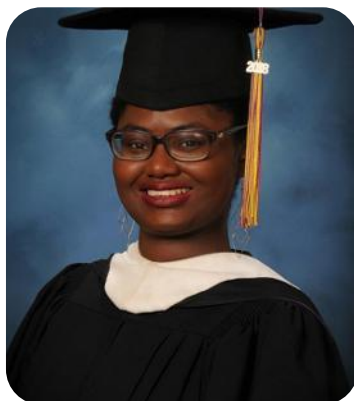
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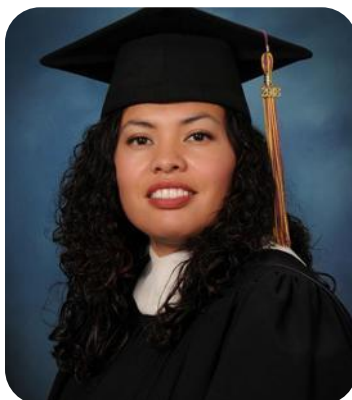
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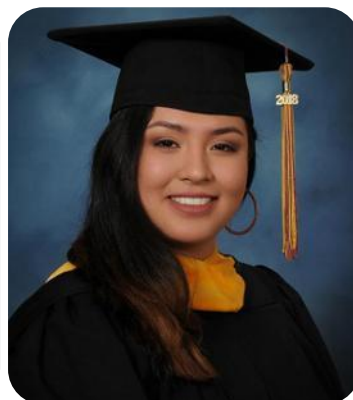
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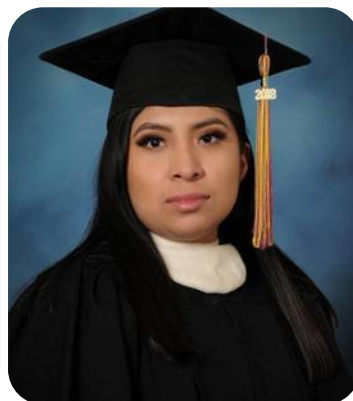
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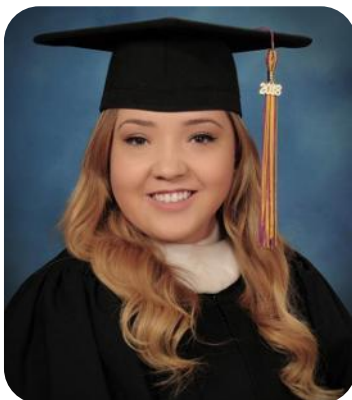
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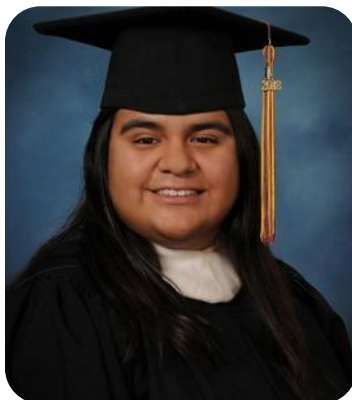
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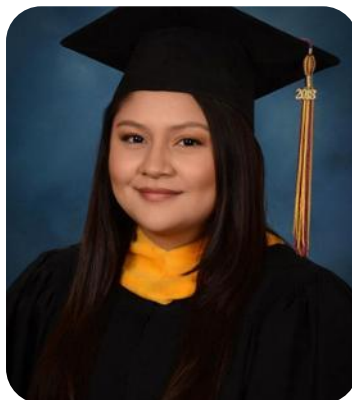
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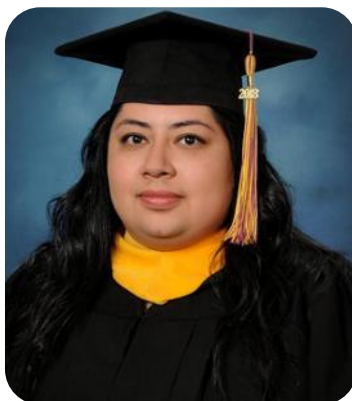
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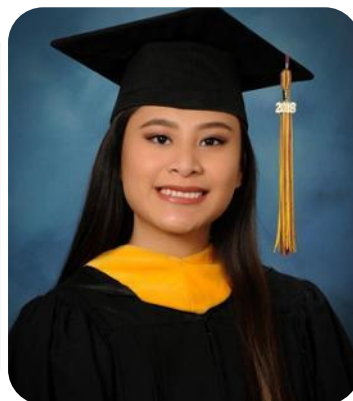
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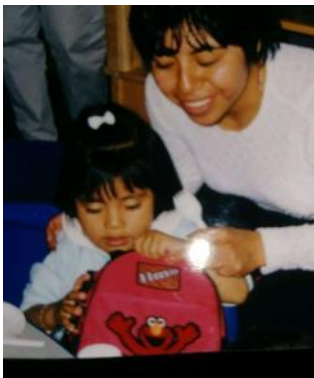
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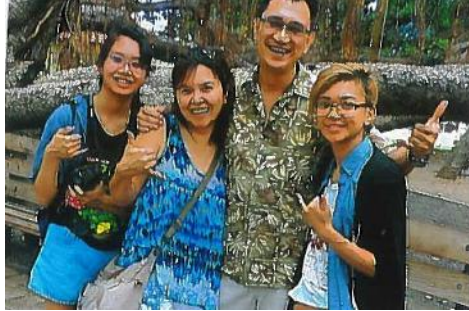
Look at you graduating from MSMU!!!
Jaz -throughout YOUR life, you've had
the guts to challenge yourself, to finish
what you started, and to WIN in life.

The feeling of accomplishing what you
desire with such and ATTITUDE.
Thanks to Our Lord, Our Creator, whom
knows you very well, every time YOU put
a DREAM in your mind and heart he
aligns the right people on your road to
SUCCESS.

We are all PROUD of YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Keep in mind that YOUR whole FAMILY
loves and supports you at every step you
take in your AMAZING LIFE...

Mom



Aimee,
 Congratulations. . . We are very proud of
 you. May God always guide you and bless
 you in all your dreams in life. Always
 remember we'll always be here for you.
 We love you.

Mama, Papa, & Allison



Francesca

We cannot remember what life was like before you. We cannot
 imagine what life would be like without you. We have always been proud of
 all that you are, and we are even prouder now of the beautiful and strong
 young woman you have become. We cannot wait to see where life will lead
 you. We will always be here for you no matter what your future holds. We
 pray that wherever you may go in life will bring you joy, peace and love.

All Our Love Today, Tomorrow and Always,

Mom & Dad



Congratulations Monica!!!

From all of us.

Rodriguez, Conner, Villero, Batungbacal, De Guzman,
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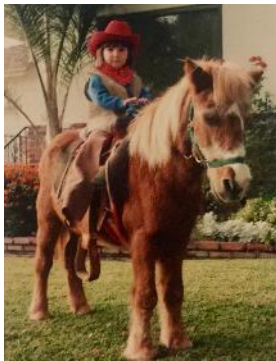
Brianna

Some things are meant to be.

And some people are destined for greatness, success, and leadership. We all face difficulties along the way, but no matter what life gives us we face important decisions. You have now been given the tools to make a difference in your life and the life's of your loved ones. We have no doubt that your success will be well deserved. You have proved to be a major part of your community and deserve to be celebrated. You will always be the most special little girl I have ever known, and I am proud to call you my own. You accomplished your goals and exceeded our expectations. Needless to say, God has truly blessed you with infinite talent. All your family will forever be proud of your achievements and thankful for your contribution to our family. What a precious gift you are.

My little girl.

Brianna





Alexandra Gonzales Reyes
Class of 2018
Dear Alexa,
Congratulations on your graduation!
Today as you celebrate your
accomplishments,
Remember that you are an important part
of God's wonderful plan.
We are so proud of you and your
achievements!
We love you very much. . .

Mom, Dad, and Ally



Congratulations my dear daughter Patricia!!! You have always made us so proud with your hard work and perseverance in your studies and dedication to excel in everything you do in spite of many challenges that came along. May God continue to light your way as you journey forward. Whatever path you choose in life, we will always be here to support you and cheering you on from the sidelines. We love you anak more than you will ever know.

Love you so much,

Dad and Mom



Hi Tricia! Congratulations on your well-deserve success. As your Grandpa and Grandma, we are so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation day and so very proud of you for being a nice and wonderful granddaughter. We love you!

Grandpa Greg and Grandma Cora

Congratulations Ate!!! I am so proud of you with what you have achieved. I admire you on all the hours you give to your studies... I guess this is the beginning of something big in your life. May God bless you in everything you do. I pray the business we are starting will be successful.

Paolo



Congratulations Kimberly!



We thank God in giving us such a wonderful daughter, who is delightful to watch to grow up to a lovely young lady: keep your strong faith to HIM and reach for your dream to go far. We are proud of you, and we dearly love you more than you'll ever know.



Love,
Mama, Papa, Sarah
xoxo



YEARBOOK STAFF

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In my three years of being on the Yearbook team, I have grown professionally and personally. I have developed into a team player and a well-rounded leader. Becoming part of the Mount legacy has been a bumpy yet life changing ride. My first year was a difficult transition from high school because I had never lived away from home. This step in my life was exciting but one of the hardest as I took on new experiences and challenges such as making new friends to learning when it was time to do my own laundry. When my second year came around, I felt like I had my personal life together but still felt as though I had not discovered my true passion until I learned I wanted to work in the comic book industry. My discovery lead me to change my major from Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing to an Individually Designed Major Media Marketing with a double minor in Business Administration and Philosophy. As the years progressed, I strengthened my professional self and became a better leader that prepared me for the esteemed role of Editor-in-Chief. Now, in my last year at Mount Saint Mary's University, I have transitioned from an eager student into a career driven adult. I have learned who I am through the many friends, professors, and mentors that have guided me.

This yearbook could not have been possible without the support of the entire Mount community. I would like to personally thank my entire yearbook team for capturing great stories and never giving up even during the most stressful times. I would also like to give a big thanks to my editors, Stephanie Castillo and Patricia Arias, for making my job a lot easier and always being prepared for anything. And finally, I would like to give a special thank you to the yearbook advisers and my supervisors, Jennifer Frias and Faraah Mullings, Ed. D, for providing the intensive support that the yearbook team needed in order to complete this year's book.



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As Editor-in-Chief, I have been given the creative opportunity to showcase this year's book and be a part of an amazing team. Overall, I could not have been more proud of what was made. As a senior, this yearbook was extra special to me because I was able to help produce and leave behind a beautiful testament to the Mount community that will be cherished forever. Being a part of this team has also helped me develop my communication and interpersonal skills as well as meet new people that I would have never been able to cross paths with if it were not for my involvement in the production of the University Yearbook for the past three years.

A big congratulations to my editors and to my entire team for helping me through this year!

Class of 2018,
Brianna Mendez

Becoming the Design Editor for the Yearbook was truly a life changing experience. I came into the Mount not knowing what path to take, but thanks to the guidance from our Yearbook Director Dr. Faraah Mullings and the knowledge I gained at Yearbook Camp, I soon learned that I had a passion for graphic design. Thanks to that, I am now graduating with an added minor in graphic design. Although I have a long way to go with perfecting my craft, I am grateful that I found a creative outlet that makes me happy and excited for my future career. I deeply encourage anyone who is in need of a creative outlet to join the Yearbook staff. I had an amazing four years that I will cherish for the rest of my life!

Class of 2018,
Patricia Arias

As the year comes to a close, I reminisce on the wild ride my last year at Mount Saint Mary's University has been. With so many priorities this past year, I feel especially excited and confident about this Yearbook. I had the opportunity to work again with Brianna and Patricia, who are two of the most hard working ladies I know. As Section Editor, I took part in supervising the stories developed in every spread. Events at the Mount were not only recorded but richly captured as parts of the legacy that is Mount Saint Mary's University. I am proud of the overall look and finish of this book, and I hope everyone who comes into contact with it enjoys it too. Congrats to the Class of 2018 and to everyone for continuing the college dream!

Class of 2018,
Stephanie Castillo

